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Two men hurt in fall from cliff, medics attacked

INJURIES A man in his 20s is in critical condition in hospital after he and another man fell 10 metres off a cliff near Major's Hill Park early Thursday morning.

Paramedics found two men on the road at the bottom of the cliff on the east side of the Rideau Canal at about 1:30 a.m.

The man in his 20s is in critical condition due to head injuries, while a 36 year-old male sustained a fractured arm. A 27-year-old female was treated for cuts and scrapes even though she did not fall.

One patient then became aggressive towards the responders, kicking and spitting at paramedics, said spokesperson J.P Trottier. Jean Lee, a 27 year-old Ottawa woman, was charged with assaulting police.

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Sens stay alive

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Marc-Andre Fleury of the Pittsburgh Penguins makes a save on Chris Kelly of the Ottawa Senators in Game 5 of the NHL Eastern Conference quarter-finals in Pittsburgh yesterday. Matt Carkner scored at 7:06 of the third overtime to give the Sens a 4-3 victory, extending the series into a sixth game. Sports, page 19.

Outcry stalls sex ed

McGuinty cancels controversial additions, vows to consult parents

Complaints over a sex ed curriculum for Ontario elementary schools with lessons about same-sex marriage, masturbation and oral sex at various grade levels saw the province beat a retreat Thursday, vowing to consult parents and rework the program.

The curriculum, which was to be rolled out in the fall, was quietly posted online months ago but blew up publicly Tuesday when Premier Dalton McGuinty confirmed the details.

While McGuinty stood behind the program initially he conceded Thursday that the government went too far and didn't consult widely enough.

"We spent a good 24 to 48 hours now listening to parents, our caucus, and parents through our caucus, who have responded, and it's become pretty obvious we should give this a serious rethink," McGuinty said. "I know that parents are in fact supportive of the idea that children should be taught about their body parts, their relationships and those kinds of things, but they are obviously not comfortable with the proposal that we put forward, so we're going to improve upon that."

Proposed changes

- Grade 1 kids were to be taught to identify genitalia — among other body parts — using the correct word, such as penis, vagina and testicle.
- Grade 3 students would learn about same-sex families and gender identity.
- Grade 5 kids would learn to identify parts of the reproductive system and describe the effects of puberty.
- Grade 7 students would learn to prevent unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

Now that the curriculum has been pulled, the existing sex ed program, which hasn't been updated for some 12 years, will remain in place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market to stay another year at Lansdowne

BUSINESS A city committee has voted to extend the Ottawa Farmer's Market's stay at Lansdowne Park for another year and dip into reserves to help cover costs.

The city's Agricultural and Rural Affairs committee voted Thursday to extend the pilot project for 2010 with the option to continue it into 2011, and allocate $111,500 from an account for one-time and unforeseen expenses to cover the parking and rent revenue Lansdowne would otherwise make from the space occupied by the market.

Coun. Gord Hunter opposed tapping the emergency fund for what he saw as a taxpayer subsidy to what has become a successful business. "This is not an unforeseen circumstance," he said. "This is an operational issue, where I feel, and I differ from my colleagues, that this business should be paying its full way."

Ottawa Farmer's Market vice-president Gerry Rochon was pleased with the result.

"I know they look at it as a subsidy, we look at it as an investment in the city," he said.

The main problem, he said, is "pilot project syndrome," with the question of a permanent home still unresolved pending the outcome of the Lansdowne redevelopment.

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Expect a little rusty water during hydrant flushing

City of Ottawa crews are beginning to open and flush fire hydrants on residential streets. It takes two years to test every one of Ottawa's 18,299 fire hydrants. Between May and September, fire hydrants will be tested in the central/east and the south/west areas of the city. During and immediately after testing, brown or rust-coloured water may temporarily flow out of household taps. The discoloured water is not harmful to your health, but it can stain clothing and linens.

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HOCKEY FOR HOMELESS Brad Marsh and other Sens alumni are dropping the puck on Ottawa's first Hockey for the Homeless tournament Friday at Bell Sensplex in Kanata. The all-day event has Ottawa's business community playing alongside ex-Sens and other former NHL players while raising awareness and money for homelessness.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE To mark the 95th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, Armenian youth associations from across Canada are taking part in a Remembrance March that left from Phillips Square in Montreal Wednesday and will end on Parliament Hill Saturday.

WRITERS The city is hosting writers in community workshops for adults from May 1-29. The eighth annual spring series features Ian Roy, Sandra Ridley, Richard Taylor and Martin Laporte.

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Chinatown arch 'precious gift'

Royal-style gateway to be finished by 'golden season of October'

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Ottawa is not just getting any old gateway for its Chinatown.

It's getting a top-of-the-line, royal-style archway with nine roofs covered in golden glazed porcelain tiles.

"That represents the highest grade in China," said Barry Li, the site engineer for the Beijing company responsible for designing and building the gateway. "The yellow colour used to be used by the Emperor only."

On Thursday, the groundbreaking ceremony for the gateway took place at the intersection of Somerset and Cambridge streets. The project is expected to be completed by October.

While he was in Beijing earlier this month, Mayor Larry O'Brien saw an example of the archway that will be built in Ottawa and met with the artisans who will be crafting it.

"It was spectacular. I think people in Ottawa will be truly amazed," said O'Brien. "It's going to be one of the must-see spots in the city."

Lan Lijun, the Chinese Ambassador to Canada, called the gateway a precious gift to mark the 40th anniversary of Chinese/Canadian diplomatic relations, which is this year.

"In a few months time, when we greet the golden season of October, an architecture of distinct Chinese royal style will rise in Ottawa," he said. "Let us all look forward to that day and wish the Gateway Project great success."

"This is an exciting project for both the Chinese community and the city of Ottawa," said Yasir Naqvi, the member of provincial parliament for Ottawa Centre. "The gateway will serve as an important symbol of Chinese culture and history, celebrating our diversity, and recognizing the contributions made by the Chinese community in Ottawa."

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Workers from Beijing shovel dirt at a groundbreaking ceremony for Ottawa's Chinatown gateway, which is expected to be completed by October. The arch will be located at the intersection of Somerset and Cambridge streets.

Gateway project

- The federal and the provincial governments each contributed $125,000 to fund the gateway. The city is providing construction space at no cost and will pay $160,000 to modify the roadway to accommodate the gateway structure.

Men 'bro-verse' on violence against women

MAN TALK, TAKE TWO The Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women held a community show at city hall Thursday to get men to join the "bro-versation."

Man Talk, Take Two, hosted by A-Channel host Bill Welychka and University of Ottawa activist Zac Brunet, was timed to mark National Victims of Crime Awareness Week but also to encourage dialogue about the role of men in fighting violence against women.

"I've been embarrassed by my own gender too many times," Welychka said. "It chips away at my spirit to hear about any type of abuse against women.

"Hearing other guys denounce abuse restores my spirit. Real men don't abuse women."

As for inviting participants to engage in "bro-versation," coalition director Erin Williams admitted that was something of a joke: "The point of the event is to engage young people, to engage youth, and so we wanted to use some humour, so whether you like the word or you don't, it catches your attention."

The program, a sequel to the first Man Talk event last October, included theatre, spoken word and other presentations by young men on the topic.

"It's all about healthy relationships, equality, respect and any efforts on violence against women," Williams said.

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Green bin compost an Earth Day success story

ENVIRONMENT Ottawa's green bins took a star turn at city hall Thursday, as Mayor Larry O'Brien shovelled nutrient-rich compost from the program onto the base of a tree as part of an Earth Day ceremony.

"I think this city is a winner, I think this city is on the right track, and I am delighted to be here this morning to put some of that beautiful compost on our local tree," he said.

Nancy Schepers, deputy city manager of infrastructure services and community sustainability, cited the city's green bin organic waste diversion program, as well as the existing blue and black bin programs and the purchase of hybrid buses as important steps to meeting the city's sustainability goals.

Since the green bin program began in January, Schepers said, some 5,000 tonnes of organic material, the equivalent of about 500 truckloads' worth, has already been diverted from area landfills. Some of the resulting compost will be used in city parks and flower beds.

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Mayor Larry O'Brien and deputy city manager Nancy Schepers participate in an Earth Day tree planting.

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Roads close for MS Walk

Roads around the Canadian War Museum will be closed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday morning for the 19th annual MS Walk. The Ottawa River Parkway will be closed from Booth Street to Island Park Drive. Motorists are asked to take alternate routes. METRO OTTAWA

Woman charged with 1980s sexual assault

CRIME A 50-year-old woman has been charged following an investigation into incidents that occurred in 1986 and 1987 at the Child Study Centre at the University of Ottawa.

The charges resulted from a historical complaint of inappropriate sexual activity that occurred between an 11-year-old boy and a female child care worker at the centre.

Francine Desormeaux of Ottawa was arrested on April 20 and charged with one count of sexual assault and one count of gross indecency.

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Championing sustainability

Australian official tells Algonquin college of his country's water problem

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Faced with a water shortage more pressing than most developed nations, it's not surprising that Australia takes climate change very seriously.

"Unlike Canada, water is a premium in Australia," said Justin Brown, the Australian high commissioner to Canada. "Australia is an incredibly arid continent. We've had huge and very severe droughts in our country."

According to Brown, the Australian climate change policies are driven by the perception that water shortages are a climate-change phenomenon.

Justin Brown

That would explain the Australian Government's target of reducing carbon emissions by 60 per cent by the year 2030, compared to 2000 levels.

The country also set a target of getting 20 per cent of its power from renewable energy sources by 2020. That's an aggressive target for the world's largest coal exporter, said Brown.

On Friday, Brown is discussing the public and private sector sustainability programs that the Australian government has initiated to meet those goals at the Inaugural luncheon of Champions in Sustainability Speaker Series at Restaurant International at Algonquin College's Woodroffe Campus.

The speaker's series is the first of its kind in Ontario. The series is intended to address the need to fuel the groundswell of sustainability initiatives in the National Capital Region.

The college will offset all carbon emissions related to this event.

"Education is a critical component to empowering a nation, organization, or individual to take positive steps to live sustainably," said Algonquin president College Robert Gillett. "It is our hope that the Champions of Sustainability Speaker Series will provide a forum to share ideas, best practices, and experiences to help those who want to integrate sustainability into everything they do in their personal and professional lives."

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Dutch cycling expert to give talk

RECREATION Dutch cycling planner Kaj Mook will be talking bikes and transit at city hall on Friday.

Mook is director of the Netherlands' bike share program, OV Fiets, which integrates bicycles with transit, offering racks of rental bikes at Dutch National Railways stations. With 200 locations, the program racked up 480,000 trips in 2008.

He will be providing an overview and history of the program, reviewing cycling facilities in the Netherlands, and making comparisons with the cycling scene here in Canada.

Ottawa's own Bixi bike pilot program, which began last year by offering rental bikes at four locations, logged more than 5,000 trips and will return this year with more locations.

The talk is sponsored by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Ottawa city councillor Clive Doucet, with the support of local cycling groups Cycling Vision Ottawa and Citizens for Safe Cycling. It begins at 5 p.m. in the Main Council Chamber.

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Dancer Fernanda Prata is lifted in a scene from The Vincent Dance Theatre production Broken Chords. The production mixes honesty, dark humour, dance and theatre to chart the director's devastating divorce and create a visual portrait of breaking up and breaking down. Broken Chords is playing at the National Arts Centre until April 24.

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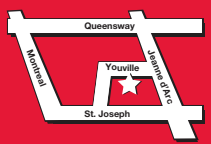

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Women apologize for death crash

Two women involved in a hit-and-run that killed a woman crossing a Fredericton intersection in a wheelchair have apologized for their actions. Darcie Victoria West and Tiffany Monroe were to be sentenced along with West's father for the accident last August that killed Dianne Trottier of Toronto, but the sentencing was adjourned. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

It's all clear for takeoff

Air Canada says it plans to operate a full slate of flights to Europe now that ash from an Icelandic volcano is abating — but it will take several days to clear up a passenger backlog. About 102,000 flights were cancelled around the world since the ash began spreading across Europe. Airlines say they lost at least $1.7 billion US in revenue during the crisis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tax the banks? Don't bank on it

Flaherty rebuffs push by IMF

Canada will not slap a tax on banks to protect against any future financial meltdowns.

That was the defiant message from Finance Minister Jim Flaherty as he stood his ground Thursday on the eve of the G20 meeting of finance ministers.

"We're a sovereign country — we can regulate our banks and our other financial institutions as we see fit," Flaherty said in Washington.

"As finance minister of Canada, I am not going to impose a tax on our banks that performed well during the financial crisis.

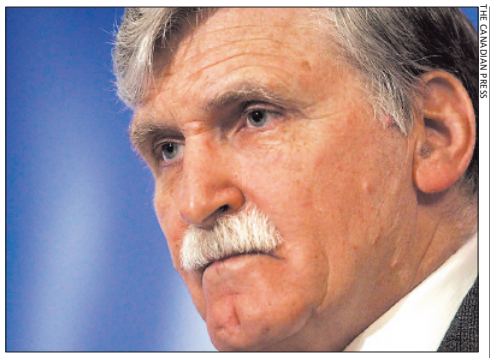
"It seems to me a very odd thing to do, to punish our banks who got the job done admirably."

"Our banks ... performed well during the financial crisis."
Jim Flaherty

But the International Monetary Fund threw its weight behind the bank tax proposal.

The head of the IMF, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, said the levy would reduce the risk of another global financial disaster.

The bank levy was set to be a hot topic of discussion at the G20 meetings on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Romeo Dallaire tried and failed to stop the Rwanda massacre.

Bravo GG Jean, says Dallaire

GENOCIDE Senator Roméo Dallaire is welcoming Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean's apology for the world's failure to respond to the Rwandan genocide — a tragedy the retired general tried and failed to prevent.

Dallaire said Jean's comments in Kigali on Wednesday were a great gesture.

The Governor General's officials described her message as an apology and said it had been cleared with the government.

But the Prime Minister's Office later insisted that Jean wasn't delivering a formal apology.

"That's irrelevant to me," Dallaire said Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jaffer's blue, but that green fund's red-hot

HANDOUTS It's the green pool at the centre of the Rahim Jaffer controversy.

The Green Infrastructure Fund is flush with federal cash for environmental projects,

Jaffer, husband of turfed Tory minister Helena Guergis, wasn't able to tap into the $1-billion fund, but others have.

About half the cash has already been doled out.

The money is being used for such things as power lines for hydroelectricity in British Columbia and Quebec projects to process garbage.

The Conservative government launched the green fund last year as part of its stimulus plan, a five-year pool of cash to support clean energy and waste management.

Infrastructure Canada manages the money. The agency's website says the fund "will focus on a few, large scale, strategic infrastructure projects."

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Key witness in Toronto 18 trial admits to drug use
The Crown's key witness in the last of the Toronto 18 trials is telling a Brampton, Ont., court he began using drugs right before the arrests. Mubin Shaikh, an RCMP agent, is testifying at the trial of Fahim Ahmad, Steven Chand and Asad Ansari. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rwandan female drummers perform as Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean arrives to deliver a speech at the National University of Rwanda in Butare, Rwanda on Thursday.

Jean touts freedom of press in Rwanda

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean used a speech in Rwanda to defend freedom of the press, wading Thursday into a particularly sensitive debate in a country where the issue still carries deep emotional implications.

International observers have accused the government of increasingly authoritarian behaviour in recent days, with a crackdown on newspapers and the arrest this week of an opposition leader.

In advance of national elections, a pair of anti-government newspapers have had their licences suspended. An opposition leader was also jailed before being released on bail.

The Rwandan government accuses them all of fomenting divisions in a country where memories of the 1994 genocide remain raw. Jean addressed an auditorium with 700 university students, speaking both before and after a vigorous debate where Canadian and Rwandan panellists sparred over press-freedom issues.

Such freedoms are enshrined in international treaties like the UN Declaration of Human Rights, she said.

"Free media is a fundamental human right," said Jean.

"It is one of those pivotal rights that is crucial to your realization of a host of other human rights in any society. Freedom of expression, the right to democratic elections, even the right to a fair and public hearing ... Canada and Rwanda have both subscribed to these obligations through their membership in the UN, la Francophonie, and the Commonwealth."

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News in brief

WATER Toilets in Ontario will be dumping less water if a plan that the government is floating comes to pass. The province is proposing that all toilets sold use no more than six litres of water per flush. The government says toilet flushing accounts for 30 per cent of in-home water use.

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No politics in scrapping HIV facility, says top doc

VACCINE Politics played no part in the decision to scrap plans for a multimillion-dollar HIV research facility, it just wasn't needed, says the country's chief public health officer.

Dr. David Butler-Jones told the House of Commons health committee in Ottawa on Thursday that a recent study conducted found no shortage of manufacturing capacity for HIV vaccine.

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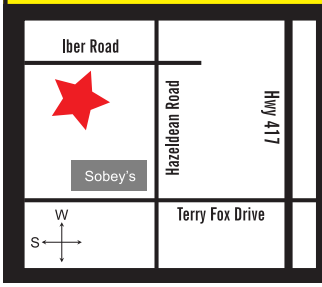

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Nova Scotia places bounty on coyotes
Natural Resources Minister John MacDonell has announced a four-part program he says is designed to reduce aggressive coyote behaviour and make communities safer. The program is for licensed trappers only and includes a $20 bounty for each pelt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Natives to PM: Don't shut us out

Proposed changes to federal environmental law are an effort to cut aboriginal people out of talks around sensitive projects — including one announced just this week — and conflict will be the result, native leaders say.

The Aamjiwnaag First Nation of Sarnia, Ont., and about 20 other First Nations have written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper demanding he withdraw the amendments to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Ron Plain, an Aamjiwnaag member, said Thursday the proposed amendments — part of the Conservatives' Jobs and Economic Growth Act — could result in some sensitive projects proceeding without environmental assessments and proper consultations with aboriginals.

"It's looking for ways to not consult when it pertains to environmental assessments on major projects," Plain said Thursday in an interview. "Without a federal environmental assessment, we won't be notified of anything of these federal projects. They will just go ahead."

Plain's letter to Harper says the proposed Environmental Assessment Act amendments give the federal minister complete discretion on setting the focus for assessments.

The letter reminds Harper that governments must engage in a meaningful consultation process with aboriginals that includes discussing potential impacts on their rights and interests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Proposed bilingual law 'stupid,' say critics

COURT A fluently bilingual Supreme Court of Canada is an ideal worth pursuing, critics say, but a proposed law that would enforce only bilingual appointments to the top bench is a "very, very bad idea."

An NDP private member's bill to that effect quietly passed final reading in the House of Commons last month and was introduced this week in the Senate, where it is finally generating some public debate.

"It's a bad idea; a very, very bad idea."
David Scott, lawyer

Reviews from the legal community are scathing. "Stupid," "scary," "ill-conceived" and "pandering" are just some of the adjectives used to describe New Brunswick MP Yvon Godin's proposal.

"It's a bad idea; a very, very bad idea," said David Scott, a pre-eminent Ottawa lawyer who has represented federal commissions of inquiry, the Government of Canada and former prime minister Jean Chrétien.

His concern, and that of many others, is that a new bilingual prerequisite layered on top of existing regional representation rules will dramatically shrink the pool of eligible jurists — particularly in Western Canada — and lead to trade-offs between legal competence and linguistic duality. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

DRUGS A new tally that estimates drug spending in Canada shows it hit the $30-billion mark last year, up an estimated $1.5 billion from the previous year. A report released Thursday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information says this works out to an estimated increase of 5.1 per cent, the lowest annual growth rate seen in a decade. The report indicates prescribed drugs account for 85 per cent of total drug spending in Canada, and growth in this area is greater than for non-prescribed drugs, such as Aspirin or Gravol purchased in a drugstore. Spending per capita on prescribed drugs was highest in Newfoundland and Labrador, and lowest in Alberta and B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Warning issued over baby wipe solution

Health Canada is warning people not to use a brand of imported baby wipe solution because it's been found to be contaminated with bacteria. The product is called Foaming Baby Wipes Solution and it is made by Northern Essences of Georgia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. doomed climate summit: Gore

The United States deserves much of the blame for the failure of the Copenhagen climate summit after it turned its back on a little-known offer from China, former U.S. vice-president Al Gore said Thursday.

Gore offered a post-mortem of the summit at an international conference in Montreal, during which he revealed the Americans ignored a proposal from China in the days leading up to the December meetings.

Last fall, the U.S. Senate avoided passing sweeping environmental reforms that would have included a law to drastically cut the country's greenhouse gas emissions. According to Gore, that sent the wrong signal to a potential ally heading into the talks.

"China had sent word through private channels to the U.S. that if the U.S. passed a law requiring a reduction of emissions below the 1990 levels then China would lean forward and help get a meaningful binding treaty," he told an audience of several hundred people.

"But the Senate failed to act and so President Obama was forced to go to Copenhagen without anything to put on the table."

The Copenhagen summit ended with a watered-down agreement by hundreds of countries to "take note" of the need for action on climate change, frustrating many environmentalists.

Gore's comments in Montreal will challenge the interpretation of several observers who have blamed China for the failure to reach a binding accord.

He said following the Americans' refusal to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, the international community needed to see concrete action from Washington to prove it was serious about tackling climate change.

"When the Senate failed, then China balked and the rest of it unravelled to the point where they got a politically binding agreement but no more," Gore said.

"There was some progress, but not nearly enough to call it a success."

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Former U.S. vice-president Al Gore speaking in Montreal on Thursday.

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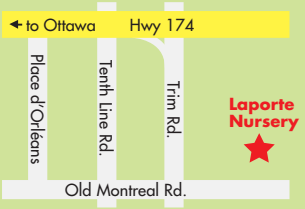

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Study: Carbon dioxide threatening oceans

According to a new study, carbon dioxide being absorbed from the air is causing the chemistry of the oceans to change faster than it has in hundreds of thousands of years. The U.S. National Research Council reports that, as the oceans get more acidic, coral reefs can be damaged. The change also threatens other sea life from fish to shellfish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Palin's daughter testifies in hack trial

Bristol Palin testified in Tennessee Thursday that she was 17 and pregnant in 2008 when she received hundreds of phone calls and texts when her number was posted online after her mother's email account was hacked. Palin, left, said she worried when boys called, claiming they were at her front door and wanted in. On trial for hacking the account is David Kernell. Sarah Palin is subpoenaed to testify but it's unclear if she will.

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Europe back in flight again

European airports sent thousands of planes into the sky Thursday after a week of unprecedented disruptions, with airlines piling on more flights and bigger planes to try to get as many people home as possible.

Nearly all of the continent's 28,000 scheduled flights, including more than 300 trans-Atlantic routes, were going ahead. Every plane was packed, however, as airlines squeezed in some of the hundreds of thousands who had been stranded for days among passengers with regular Thursday tickets. Airlines said, despite their efforts, there was no quick and easy solution to cut down the backlog of passengers.

Shifting winds sent a new plume of volcanic ash over Scandinavia, forcing some airports to close again. The new airspace restrictions applied to parts of northern Scotland, southern Norway, Sweden and Finland.

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Thailand **Protest takes violent turn**

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A woman is rushed to an ambulance after an explosion Thursday in Bangkok. A burst of grenade attacks near a massive encampment of anti-government protesters killed one person and injured 75 after a tense, weeks-long standoff. Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban said attackers shot five M-79 grenades. But his brief statement seemed to stop short of directly blaming the protesters, known as the Red Shirts.

News in brief

GULF OF MEXICO An oil platform that burned for 36 hours after a massive explosion sank into the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana Thursday, and 11 workers still missing may have been near the blast and unable to escape, officials said. Meanwhile, the submerged well could be creating a major environmental problem, potentially spewing up to 8,000 barrels of crude oil per day, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

NEW YORK U.S. President Barack Obama rebuked Wall Street for risky practices Thursday even as he sought its leaders' help for "updated, common sense" regulations to head off any new financial crisis. The president acknowledged differences of opinion over how to protect weary taxpayers but denounced criticism from some Republicans who claim a Democratic-sponsored bill would encourage future bailouts of banks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Blagojevich moves to have Obama subpoenaed
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Angry neighbour put up fake orgy ad: Cops

A man who was feuding with his neighbour targeted her in an explicit online posting that invited strangers to a rowdy orgy with a bored soccer mom, police said.

Philip James Conran, 42, made his first court appearance Thursday, but did not enter a plea to charges including reckless endangerment, harassment, criminal trespass and risk of injury to a minor.

The charges stem from an April 5 posting on Craigslist that said a woman in West Hartford wanted to "please as many as I can before I go to work!" Detectives, Conran's attorney and the woman targeted in the posting are not saying what prompted the feud between the neighbours in the middle-class Hartford suburb.

Police Chief James Strillacci said even veteran officers were surprised by the number of strangers who knocked on the woman's door, called or drove by.

Conran has been free on $75,000 bond since his arrest. The married father was ordered Thursday to have no contact with his neighbour.

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Girl assaulted at wrong house

- One man went to the wrong house, where he groped a teenage girl, police said. He has been charged with sexual assault and other counts. His attorney said his client has psychological issues and plans to plead not guilty.

U.S. Senate axes House pay raises

POLITICS Yielding to election year reality, the Senate passed a bill Thursday to deny members of Congress from receiving their annual pay raises next year.

Democrat Russ Feingold engineered the passage of the legislation, which would deny senators and members of the House of Representatives automatic pay raises of about $1,600. Members of Congress make $174,000 a year.

The Senate passed the measure unanimously without a roll call vote. The House has yet to act on it, but probably will go along given that all House members must face the electorate in November.

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News in brief

BABIES China's top health body said Thursday that health workers who improperly dispose of dead babies will be "severely dealt with" following an investigation into the dumping of bodies along a river in eastern China. A scandal erupted last month when the bodies of 21 babies and fetuses were found washed ashore on the Guangfu river. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Plane thief given nine months in jail

A homeless man has been sentenced to nine months in jail for stealing and wrecking a single-engine airplane at a Maryland airport. Fifty-one-year-old Calvin Cox also must undergo a psychological evaluation and stay away from the Frederick Municipal Airport during two years of probation under a plea deal reached Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The evolution of Earth Day

From anti-establishment origins in '60s to sophisticated movement

The term "Green Movement" was not yet in vogue, and there was little talk of combating global warming.

Instead, the original Earth Day 40 years ago emphasized "ecology" and goals like cleaning up pollution and litter, along with a more anti-establishment vibe than today's environmental movement.

"It was brand new on the scene. We were basically using a new vocabulary," recalled Denis Hayes, who was the 25-year-old national co-ordinator for that first Earth Day.

"So it was all fresh. In 1969, most Americans couldn't even define the word environment. By the end of 1970, a huge fraction of them thought of themselves as environmentalists."

The movement capitalized on the experience and passion of American activists who had organized anti-war, civil rights and feminist rallies in the 1960s. Today, the environmental cause is far more sophisticated, Hayes said, with thousands of environmental lawyers and advocates with advanced degrees.

"But some of that passion that we had in 1970 has faded," he said.

The original Earth Day was the brainchild of the late Democratic Sen. Gaylord Nelson, who advocated a nationwide teach-in on the environment in a speech in Seattle in September 1969. His daughter, Tia Nelson, said he decided to launch it after a major oil spill in California, and wrote the speech on airplane napkins.

Forty years ago Thursday, the youth-driven movement sparked the participation of around 2,000 college campuses and 10,000 elementary and high schools. Congress adjourned so members could give speeches, tens of thousands of people filled Fifth Avenue in New York City and millions participated across the country in activities like trash removal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this April 23, 1970 file photo, a crowd observing the first Earth Day festivities relaxes on a hill in Fairmount Park in Philadelphia.

Muslims vexed by push to ban veils across France

RELIGION Muslims in the Arab world are incensed and Muslims in France are walking a delicate line after President Nicolas Sarkozy pushed for an all-out ban on full Islamic veils.

"Ridiculous" and "misplaced," said a Muslim vendor Thursday at an outdoor market in a working class, ethnically mixed Paris suburb. "Racist," said a Sunni Muslim cleric in Lebanon.

The rector of the Muslim Institute of the Paris Mosque, however, held off on harsh criticism, saying only that any ban should be properly explained, and noting that the Qur'an does not require women to cover their bodies and faces.

Sarkozy upped the stakes yesterday in France's drive to abolish the all-encompassing veil, ordering a draft law banning them in all public places — defying France's highest administrative body, which says such a ban risks being declared unconstitutional.

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Small minority

- While France has western Europe's largest Muslim population, only a tiny minority of Muslim women in France wear the burqa, which has only a screen for the eyes, or niqab, which leaves a slit for the eyes.

News in brief

PIRACY Eleven suspected pirates were being flown to the United States on Thursday to stand trial in alleged attacks on U.S. naval vessels off the coast of Africa, officials said. The suspects were expected to appear in court in Norfolk, Va., for indictment as early as Friday morning, two U.S. officials said on condition of anonymity. The 11 have been held on U.S. ships for weeks off Africa's coast as officials worked to determine whether and where they could be prosecuted and to prepare charges against them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vatican told of abuse case a year earlier

The case of a Wisconsin priest accused of preying on boys at a school for the deaf was presented to the Vatican by one of the victims a year earlier than previously thought, according to documents revealed Thursday in another lawsuit aimed at the highest levels of the Roman Catholic Church.

A man identified in the lawsuit as "John Doe 16" of Illinois wrote a March 5, 1995, letter to then-Vatican Secretary of State Angelo Sodano alleging that the Rev. Lawrence Murphy molested him for a number of years. Previously, it was believed that the Vatican first learned of the allegations against Murphy in a July 1996 letter from Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland.

Murphy

Murphy, who died in 1998, is accused of sexually abusing some 200 boys at the school from 1950 to 1974. His case drew renewed scrutiny after the recent release of documents suggesting that a Vatican office led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — now the pope — failed to aggressively discipline Murphy.

Doe 16's letter was released by his attorney, Jeff Anderson of St. Paul, Minnesota, who provided a copy of a receipt showing the registered letter had reached the Vatican. The man wrote Sodano again and got no response, according to Anderson.

The Vatican was studying the lawsuit and had no immediate comment.

A Vatican spokesman has said the church's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was only informed of the Murphy case some 20 years after the diocese knew of the allegations and after civil authorities decided to drop their investigation. The congregation suggested that the Wisconsin bishops restrict his ministry rather than stage a full-blown canonical trial, which it had earlier supported.

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Iran opens war games as leaders call U.S. nuclear policy a threat

WEAPONS Iran launched large-scale war games in the Persian Gulf oil route of the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday, holding the military exercises earlier than usual after the country's leaders expressed new concerns that the U.S. has made a veiled nuclear threat against the Islamic Republic.

Tehran was angered by U.S. President Barack Obama's announcement earlier this month of a new U.S. nuclear policy in which he pledged America would not use atomic weapons against nations that do not have them. Iran and North Korea were pointedly excluded from the non-use pledge, and Iranian leaders took that as an implicit threat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Great Prophet

- Iran has been holding military manoeuvres, dubbed as The Great Prophet, in the strategic waters annually since 2006 to show off its military capabilities.
- The war games have routinely heightened tension in the region, but they have taken on added significance as the standoff over Iran's nuclear program grows deeper. The West suspects the program conceals a nuclear arm production drive, a charge that Iran denies.

News in brief

CARTOONS A Dutch court on Thursday acquitted an Arab group and its chairman of hate speech charges for publishing a cartoon questioning the reality of the Holocaust. The Utrecht court ruled that the publication by the Dutch arm of the Arab European League was intended to provoke debate, and fell within the boundaries of freedom of speech laws. The court said that the group had intended to spur a public discussion about a perceived double standard: that European media are willing to publish cartoons mocking Islam's prophet Muhammad — but mocking the Holocaust is a taboo.

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Dumb and dumber marijuana laws

UrbanCompass

On Tuesday, a mass of dope fiends gathered on Parliament Hill to flagrantly smoke marijuana — and the rest of Ottawa barely noticed.

Annual 4-20 decriminalization demos have gone on for years and they're no longer news. Apart from an alarming rise in the prevalence of bongo drums, no incidents or arrests were reported here or at the majority of smoke-ins across the country. (In Toronto, one person was injured in a fight and another was arrested with what appeared to be a firearm).

In my neighbourhood, especially when the weather improves, it's not uncommon to catch a whiff of someone's weed as they stroll down the sidewalk. This experience doesn't fill me with fear of drug-fuelled crime. Instead, it reminds me that on the whole, this is a safe enough city in which to walk around whilst buzzed, which is as good a measure of a community's health as any.

We don't have the reputation of smoky Vancouver, but Ottawa strikes me as a relatively stoner-friendly city. This is not to say that everybody's doing it, or that it's good for those who do, but it's not widely considered a menace.

From Parliament Hill, though, we hear different, dumber ideas. While the protesters puffed, federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson held a press conference to once again tout more "tough-on-crime" legislation.

Among the Tory prescriptions, better described as hopelessly incoherent on crime, are harsher penalties for marijuana growers and dealers. If we increasingly can't be bothered to arrest users, though, why attack their suppliers?

The only result of their nefarious activities is that people smoke weed, apart, of course, from the outrageous profits that flow to criminal organizations simply because pot is illegal. If I were a Hells Angel, I'd vote Tory.

The next day, coincidentally, embattled former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer, fresh from his plea bargain on drunk driving and cocaine possession charges, appeared before a parliamentary committee. He claimed, under oath, that he'd never taken any illegal substance.

During the last election, Jaffer attacked his NDP opponent over her party's support of marijuana decriminalization, trotting out the usual folderol about keeping our schoolchildren safe from the demon weed. But since marijuana is as illegal for an adult as it is for a kid, it's often easier for kids to get their hands on pot than alcohol.

No matter how often it hits, it's hard not to be discouraged by the realization that your government's policies make no more sense than your idiot roommate on his third bowl and second consecutive viewing of The Wizard Of Oz.

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Worth mentioning

South Korea takes aim at Net addiction

Day and night, Lee Mihwa's son stays on his computer, slaying dragons in his online fantasy world while his dinner and homework sit untouched.

Lee says the 15-year-old fights her attempts to get him to log off, physically lashing out at her entreaties. She pulls up her sleeves to reveal bruises she says come from his blows.

Her son is among some two million people classified by the government as "Internet addicts" in South Korea, a nation of 49 million considered one of the most technologically wired in the world.

Some are becoming increasingly violent. Last month, a couple let their three-month-old starve while they raised a virtual child in an online game, spending most of their days at an Internet cafe instead of caring for their newborn, police said.

The baby looked like "a mummy" because she had not been fed for so long, according to a Suwon police officer who investigated the case.

In February, a 22-year-old bludgeoned his mother to death for "nagging" him about playing Internet games, police said. He then played games online for hours, paying with his mother's credit card, a police statement said.

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Three out of 10 Korean adults and some 26 per cent of teenagers are addicted gamers, according to Eo Gee-jun, president of the Korea Computer Life Institute.

Such incidents have alarmed the country, with the public calling for better measures against gaming addictions. The government announced last month it would take action by restricting access to popular online games, and is sending counsellors to elementary schools to teach children about healthy Internet usage.

"It's a little ironic that what was invented to make our lives better has come to make it worse for some," said Park Hye-kyung, director of the I Will Center, a government-funded counselling centre created in December to focus on the growing issue of Internet addiction.

"Internet addiction" may not be recognized as a medical condition or psychiatric disorder, but it often serves as a symptom of more serious underlying mental disorders such as attention deficit disorder and depression, said Dr. Kim Tae-hoon, a psychiatrist who treats teenagers.

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Smart phone sales fuel Nokia's Q1 profits

Nokia Corp.'s first-quarter net profit surged to 349 million euros ($467 million US) from 122 million euros a year earlier, with strong growth in smart phone sales and three per cent growth in total revenue, the company said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada's lead won't last: BoC

Canada is leading the other G7 countries out of recession with the fastest growth in a decade, but it will be trailing those countries in a few years, the Bank of Canada said Thursday.

The central bank's latest economic outlook released Thursday makes several bold predictions, including that Canada's fast start out of last year's slump is already slowing, that the housing boom is fizzling out, and that the country's long-term growth prospects are discouraging.

Mark Carney

And governor Mark Carney is cautioning markets not to be so sure Canada's central bank will raise its key interest rates in a matter of weeks.

On Tuesday, the Canadian dollar shot up more than 1.5 cents to above parity with the U.S. currency after the Bank of Canada said it was dropping its promise not to raise rates before July at the earliest.

But Carney told a news conference Thursday that there is still considerable risk in the global economy, or to anticipating his next move.

"There is nothing pre-ordained from this day forward," Carney said to a question on interest rates.

Most economists interpreted Tuesday's statement as an alert to plan for higher rates in June, but some argued Carney had left himself plenty of wiggle room.

"The Bank of Canada has limited scope to raise interest rates in the next several months," said Brian Bethune, chief economist with IHS Global Insight.

"While we may see one or two token moves to raise the overnight rate by a quarter of a point in the June to October window, action to raise rates will be very limited" by the fact doing so would further boost an already strong dollar.

In Thursday's report, the bank said it is planning for the dollar to hover around parity for the next three years and listed it as a major impediment to strong growth because it will make exports less competitive in global markets.

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Carney tells G20 to reject bank tax

FINANCE Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is urging G20 countries to reject calls for a new bank tax at their next meeting in Washington later this week as they tackle a critical reform of the world's financial system.

Canada's top central banker, who will be participating at the meetings Friday and Saturday along with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, said the G20 nations have far more important work to do than a bank tax — and shouldn't be diverted by it.

"We see the bank levy discussion as a distraction from the core agenda," Carney said Thursday at an Ottawa news conference.

"What we are trying to do is reduce the degree of excessive risk taking in institutions," he added.

"We would say the more direct way is to use what we've used in Canada, which is better leverage ratios, better capital standards, to introduce a liquidity standard. ... That is a better way."

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PROFIT Brick Brewing Co. Ltd., a small craft brewer based in southwestern Ontario, reports a net profit of nearly $1.4 million or five cents a share for the 2010 fiscal year ended Jan. 31.

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Club Car driver George (Cannonball) Pennington steps out of the two millionth vehicle made by Club Car, a Village 2+2 LSV, on Thursday in Augusta, Ga.

Canadian businesses use Earth Day to flaunt green efforts

ENVIRONMENT Canadian businesses took advantage of the 40th Earth Day on Thursday to trumpet their environmental credentials by announcing initiatives aimed at bathing them in a green glow.

Whether it's banning large-tank flush toilets (Rona Inc.), touting their environmentally friendly socks (Gildan Activewear) or donating one million travel miles (Aeroplan), companies were eager to flaunt their efforts.

Even the Ontario government got involved by announcing plans to outlaw toilets that use more than six litres of water per flush.

Philippe Cousteau, grandson of undersea explorer and environmentalist Jacques-Yves Cousteau, said many companies have discovered that adopting environmentally friendly practices make them more efficient, which is good for the bottom line.

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Sports

Hasek wins another title

Even at age 45, Dominik Hasek, left, is still dominating in goal. Hasek led his hometown club HC Eaton Pardubice to the Czech league title Thursday. Pardubice beat HC Vitkovice Steel 3-2 in overtime in Ostrava to sweep the final 4-0. Hasek came out of retirement last year to play for his former club in the Czech league in the town where he was born and started his career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

BASKETBALL The NCAA has decided not to mess around too much with March Madness. Instead of jumping to a 96-team field, a possibility that drew criticism from bracket-obsessed fans to coaches, the NCAA plans to expand by only three teams, from 65 to 68.

MLS Major League Soccer hopes to announce another expansion soon, this time to Montreal. Commissioner Don Garber says the league also would like to return to the southeast, either to Atlanta or Florida. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Carkner fired a wrist shot through traffic from the right point for his first goal of the post-season, ending the longest game in this NHL playoff season.

Peter Regin tied it with 9:36 to play, Mike Fisher and Jarkko Ruutu also scored for the Senators. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pascal Leclaire of the Ottawa Senators makes a save on Mike Rupp of the Pittsburgh Penguins last night in Pittsburgh.

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Canadian Olympic freestyle skiing gold medallist Alexandre Bilodeau, left, and Olympic and Paralympic athletes are recognized Thursday in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Branding our Olympic heroes

The fortunes of Canada's Olympic movement are rising. On the heels of the most successful performance ever at the Vancouver 2010 Games, there is a new leadership group and clearly an intense focus on branding our Olympic heroes.

It's all happened so fast.

The increased focus on Canadian Olympians is more than welcome. Too often in the past they've been ignored in the years between Games.

Change is afoot.

This weekend in Montreal there will be a parade featuring the medallists from the home Olympics. Legends including kayak star Caroline Brunet, sprinter Bruny Surin and speedskater Susan Auch will be enshrined in Canada's Olympic Hall of Fame.

A Bell Centre gala featuring musical headliners, Simple Plan, Sarah McLachlan and Tom Cochrane will serenade the athletes and invited corporate guests who will, no doubt, empty their pockets in aid of the cause.

The big splash will usher in new Canadian Olympic Committee president Marcel Aubut and his lieutenants, CEO Jean Dupre and chief marketing officer Chris Overholt. They will trot out the athletes as proof positive the Olympics are cool.

Here's hoping it doesn't foreshadow a trend, which will see the Olympic movement in this country turned into something resembling just another professional sports venture.

Aubut and Overholt come from that world. The former was on the NHL's board of governors as president of the Quebec Nordiques.

"The increased focus on Canadian Olympians is more than welcome. Too often in the past they've been ignored in the years between Games."

Overholt marketed the Toronto Raptors, Florida Panthers and the Miami Dolphins. Only Dupre has a long-standing association with Olympic sport as the head of Speed Skating Canada.

While the new group has credentials, the old one, including CEO Chris Rudge, chief operating officer Lou Ragagnin and chief marketing officer David Bedford managed the current financial crisis heroically and enabled spectacular performances by Canadian athletes.

"It was my heart and soul," said Bedford of his longtime association with the COC. He acted in many roles including that of chef de mission at the 2004 Athens Olympics. "We're all proud of what we were able to accomplish," he said.

In the wake of so much success there is a huge shift in the direction of the COC. And there is an agenda on the part of the new boss.

"With combined decades of solid business marketing, revenue generation and sport administration experience, Dupre and Overholt have the passion and acumen to help the Canadian Olympic team become the No. 1 sports franchise in Canada," said Aubut of his new team at the top.

Let's hope the Canadian Olympic movement continues to be something more than a franchise capable of turning gold medals into a solid bottom line.

The Olympics are about more than branding and business. A little heart and soul never hurts.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford smiles Thursday as he poses for photographs with family and friends after he was selected as the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams.

Rams pin hopes on QB Bradford

The Big 12, led by Oklahoma, kicked off a big party for itself at Radio City Music Hall in New York during the first prime-time NFL draft Thursday night.

The Rockettes would have loved it.

Starting with quarterback Sam Bradford going to the St. Louis Rams, five of the top six picks were from the Big 12 — three of them Sooners.

The Oklahoma junior became the eighth quarterback since 2001 taken atop the draft. He was immediately followed Thursday night by defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh of Nebraska, the AP Player of the Year, and DT Gerald McCoy and OT Trent Williams, Bradford's teammates with the Sooners.

"That's pretty cool because I know the Big 12 has been getting a lot of slack lately," Bradford said. "People for some reason didn't think that we played much football in the Big 12 and sure didn't think we played much defence, so for two defensive tackles to go in the first three picks is a credit to the Big 12."

And what about the Sooners' run at the top of the festivities?

"It's insane isn't it?" McCoy said with a huge smile. "We can't play football in the Big 12, but the first four picks went out the Big 12? Mmmmm — three of 'em from Oklahoma, by the way."

Bradford, the 2008 winner of the Heisman Trophy, joins a Rams team that was 1-15 last season and scored a league-low 175 points. The Rams cut incumbent Marc Bulger in the off-season.

Bradford appeared in only three games in 2009, his junior year, before undergoing right shoulder surgery. His recovery has been so complete that the Rams didn't hesitate to make him the future face of the franchise.

An hour before the draft, Bradford, looking dapper in a grey suit, admitted he was nervous.

"The butterflies are flying around right now," he said.

A little while later, he could relax — at least until he gets on the field behind the Rams' weak offensive line.

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Bills opt for speed with first pick

• Overlooking size for speed, the Buffalo Bills expect Clemson running back C.J. Spiller to spark their popgun offence. The team selected Spiller with the No. 9 pick in the NFL draft Thursday. The ACC player of the year, Spiller was regarded as "a dynamite athlete with blazing speed" in the NFL scouting report. Listed at five-foot-11 and 196 pounds, he's drawn comparisons to New Orleans Saints multipurpose threat Reggie Bush.

Canada has worst-ever finish at tourney

HOCKEY Canada wrapped up a disappointing run at the IIHF World U18 Championship with a 4-2 victory over Slovakia Thursday.

The win gave Canada a seventh-place finish, its worst result at the tournament since its debut in 2002.

The Canadians found themselves in the relegation round for the first time at this event after losing three of their first four games. Canada needed a victory over Latvia Wednesday to ensure it will stay in the A pool.

"I thought everybody was disappointed at the work that we did here at the start of the tournament," said head coach Guy Carbonneau.

"Obviously, we got better as the tournament went but we ran out of time."

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Medals

• Sweden and the United States will play for gold Friday while Finland and Russia will face off for the bronze.

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Artful solution helps professionals give

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Young professionals looking to give back to their community while using their newfound skills are in luck — they can register for Timeraiser.

"I had just graduated, my peers and I wanted to change the world," said Toronto lawyer Juliet Knapton, who works with Timeraiser in Ottawa. "I wasn't making the difference at work that I thought I would."

Although she had time to give, Knapton wasn't able to dedicate additional hours to find an organization that could use her specific talents. Enter Timeraiser, who matches volunteers with organizations that can make use of a particular skill set by working to solve the most common obstacles associated with volunteering.

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Geared towards young professionals, Timeraiser is billed as 'part volunteer fair, part silent art auction and part night on the town.'

The event facilitates matchups using a silent auction where volunteers can pledge a certain number of hours in the community as payment for art being auctioned during the evening.

While the bidding is underway, attendees are free to meet with agencies and discuss if there is a match for the skills they have to offer.

The events are a fun, low-risk environment filled with people passionate about volunteering, and willing to put in the effort, Knapton said.

Timeraiser is geared toward young professionals looking to volunteer their skills.

"After going to the event, I thought 'I can be a part of giving back,'" said Knapton. "You can't lose."

Knapton now sits on the board of a non-profit housing complex for single parents that provides on site guidance for tenants.

"Seeing the results in the children is amazing. Seeing them grow into happy, healthy, productive teens is so rewarding," Knapton said.

"It is an incredibly efficient, practical and clear way to match volunteers with agencies," she explained. "These people are passionate about finding out what you have to offer, and what needs to be met in the community."

Timeraisers promotes and facilitates civic engagement in six cities across Canada — Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton and Vancouver.

By matching volunteers with meaningful opportunities their hope is that people will not only get involved, but stay involved.

"There is nothing like feeling like you were part of someone else's success," said Knapton. "Especially when you feel that person is in a particular place through no fault of their own."

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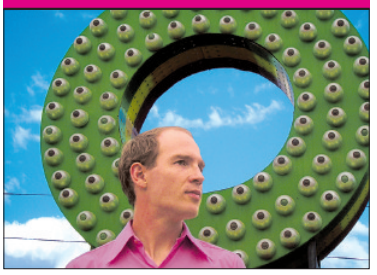

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Paul Gross' The Montana Kid crosses over to Canada in Gunless.

Gross due North in comic western

Hollywood genre gets Canadian twist

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There was always something that nagged Paul Gross about his famous role as respectable Mountie Benton Fraser on the mid-nineties television drama Due South.

"I never actually had a gun, I had a wedge of wood in my holster," admitted Gross during a recent interview to promote his coincidentally-named new film, Gunless. "So getting to go to work and actually have a real Colt 45, that was just heavenly."

Although Gross stopped short of insisting a real gun was his impetus for taking on the role of a gunslinger in the new Western-style comedy, he does accept that the weapon informed his portrayal.

"They're kind of amazing to hold," said Gross. "I was practising constantly, drawing it and spinning it and trying to do tricks with it …but it's still in the back of your head (that) this is something that could actually kill people. It sort of does something to you."

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For Gross, it aided in developing The Montana Kid, a bewildered American outlaw that stumbles into a fictional Canadian town and challenges the local blacksmith to a showdown only to discover the hamlet's sedate inhabitants literally gunless — a circumstance that, for an American gunslinger anyway, is utterly confounding.

Gunless opens next Friday

"(The Western genre) isn't a naturally Canadian form. It's really an invention of Hollywood to represent or speak to something about the American frontier spirit," said Gross. "You couldn't get away with making High Plains Drifter and set it in Medicine Hat…but you can import a gunslinger and drop him into a Canadian setting and then you have Gunless."

Of course, Gunless isn't the first movie of Gross' that boasts Canuck roots. He wrote, directed and starred in 2008's Passchendaele, the award-winning drama about one of the most traumatic wartime battles in Canadian history.

But as Gross discovered, turning Alberta foothills into a muddy Belgian battleground wouldn't compare to the staggering conditions the actor faced in blistering southern B.C. when he shot Gunless last summer.

"I find the heat hard to work in because my brain just kind of short circuits. I just feel sort of stunned all the time," chuckled Gross before pausing to reflect on his character. "Thank God, I didn't have to be too smart!"

Everything falls flat in Back-Up plan

The Back-Up Plan
Director: Alan Poul
Stars: Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Jennifer Lopez stars in The Back-Up Plan.

REVIEW The most distracting thing about The Back-Up Plan is Jennifer Lopez's hair. No matter what wacky situation her supposedly quirky and down-to-earth Zoe winds up in, no matter how messy this "comical" look at pregnancy gets, her 'do is always flawless. Even when she's caught in the rain.

It's only the most glaring symptom of the film's tendency to frame Lopez like the glowing pop star she is, not the clumsy, supposedly adorable character she's supposed to be playing. So scrap that whole down-to-earth thing, I guess.

The concept isn't bad for a romantic comedy — single woman decides to stop waiting for a husband to have a kid and gets herself artificially inseminated, only to meet the man of her dreams immediately after — but the execution here takes the air out of it.

While The Back-Up Plan is director Alan Poul's first feature, he's no novice, as he's been directing startlingly good TV for years, (Six Feet Under, Rome), so it's even more surprising that nearly everything on screen falls flat. The pacing of the entire film seems off, almost loopy.

But there are a few bright spots of comic relief, including Zoe's time spent with a man-hating single mothers' support group.

And Michaela Watkins, woefully let go from Saturday Night Live last year, manages to salvage any scene she's in as Zoe's sardonic best friend with some less-than-sentimental views on childbirth and motherhood.

• For The Back-Up Plan trailers, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Men in Black ready to return
Director Barry Sonnenfeld has confirmed that Will Smith and, after months of speculation, Tommy Lee Jones will star in Men In Black III. Sony intends to release the threequel in Summer 2011. EMPIREONLINE.COM

The Losers won't win over audience

The **Losers**

Director: Sylvain White
Stars: Zoe Saldana, Jeffery Dean Morgan
Classification: PG
Rating: ½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Sylvain White's adaptation of lesser-known graphic novel The Losers has a lot going for it, with decent action, gorgeous locations and a talented cast obviously enjoying themselves.

But somehow, there's nothing in it to elevate the film above just all right entertainment.

In a word, it's whelming. Not overwhelming, not underwhelming, just whelming.

On top of that, seeing the characters come to life on screen brings into sharp focus how much the original comic was pretty much a new riff on The A-Team.

Luckily, The Losers is getting released a couple months before that TV show's big-budget workout.

See if this sounds familiar: An elite team of soldiers gets double-crossed while on a mission in Latin America.

Assumed to be out of commission by the powers that be, they go off the grid to get their revenge and clear their names through an elaborate and explosion-filled adventure. Leading the team is Clay (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), and while he never actually says it, you can kind of tell he loves it when a plan comes together.

While Morgan and the other Losers (Idris Elba, Chris Evans, Columbus Short and the underused Oscar Jaenada) turn in admirable work, complete with the requisite camaraderie, their story never really shakes off its genre confines.

As lovely as Zoe Saldana is and as fun as it is to see her shouldering a rocket launcher, her Aisha doesn't get a chance to become a real character. Director White (Stomp the Yard) seems to crib from multiple sources, including the Crank and Transporter franchises and the oeuvre of Michael Bay, which is never advisable.

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Zoe Saldana's Aisha turns in some tough action in The Losers.

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Tomei eyeing The Lincoln Lawyer

Marisa Tomei may be jumping aboard The Lincoln Lawyer. Tomei would play Maggie McPherson, the prosecuting attorney ex-wife of Mattthew McConaughey's defence lawyer Micky Haller. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Reel Time

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Home vital film on China

Last Train **Home**

Director: Lixin Fan
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

In a post-Lord of the Rings moment of CGI crowd scenes, the sight of thousands of real, flesh-and-blood people milling about onscreen has the power to stop breath; the shots of rural Chinese workers swarming madly through a transit station in Lixin Fan's documentary Last Train Home are quite literally suffocating.

That's absolutely a compliment, by the way — the intensity of the visuals match the seriousness of his subject, which is nothing less than the social and economic erosion of the world's largest national population.

Its portrait of a labour class cut off from their domestic lives starts off panoramic — those train station shots — and then turns intimate, using one family's fractured dynamics as a microcosm of national dysfunction.

Zhanghua and Sugin Yang work brutal hours in a metropolitan sweatshop, sending nearly all of the money they make to their children in the county; returning home for Chinese New Year, the are greeted not as breadwinners but as deserters.

Eldest daughter Qin resents her parents' absence and retaliates by leaving home — an ironic response that's part adolescent hormones and part cultural inevitability.

Fan's mobile camera catches a number of uncomfortable moments, but there's never any sense that his subjects are being exploited — the precision of the compositions is tempered by an underlying sense of empathy.

A scene from the documentary Last Train Home.

The past few years have seen a number of vital films addressing the aftermath of China's "great leap forward."

Last Train Home deserves a place on that list.

Shrek Forever After debuts at Tribeca

PREMIERE One thing hasn't changed with Shrek: Puss in Boots still steals the show.

The fourth and supposedly final Shrek film, Shrek Forever After, premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival on Wednesday night at New York's Ziegfeld Theatre.

Shrek Forever After, which will be released May 21, returns the voice cast of Mike Myers (Shrek), Cameron Diaz (Fiona), Eddie Murphy (Donkey) and Antonio Banderas as Puss in Boots, the Zorro-like feline.

The film takes the shape of It's a Wonderful Life. A mid-life crisis comes to Shrek, now a father of three, who laments the loss of his younger, wilder days as a fearsome ogre. The evil magician Rumpelstiltskin (Walt Dohrn) makes a dubious deal with Shrek, the result being that Shrek was never born and never married Fiona.

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Movie **morsels**

Alice In Wonderland

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REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Date Night

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REVIEW I'm not entirely sure where Date Night would be without Tina Fey and Steve Carell. After all, the two television comedians-turned-big screen stars take what is an overly familiar premise, directed by an often critically-aloof filmmaker, and turn it into a thoroughly entertaining evening at the multiplex. The pair play Phil and Claire, a bored, married New Jersey couple who try to spice up their weekly "date night" by spontaneously going to a trendy new restaurant in Manhattan. Finding the establishment booked solid, they take another couple's reservation only to get through the risotto before two corrupt cops escort them into an alley and demand a mysterious flash drive. From there, the mistaken marrieds end up on the run, a situation which generates comic coments.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

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REVIEW The highly touted Swedish murder mystery drama The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo comes highly recommended: It's as intimate and detailed as it is epic and jarring. Based on the posthumously published novel by Swedish mystery writer Stieg Larsson, director Niels Arden Oplev's powerful and very faithful film adaptation stars Michael Nyqvist as shamed investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist, who is framed for a crime he didn't commit. As he prepares for his impending prison sentence, a mysterious tattooed, pierced tomboy punk girl is following him. She's Lisbeth (Noomi Rapace), the dragon inked girl of the title, a streetwise computer hacker who, after a wealthy patriarch hires Blomkvist to uncover who in his family murdered his beloved, long dead niece, becomes the scribe's partner.

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Hot Tub Time Machine

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REVIEW As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. No movie with that title should work, but this is a surprisingly funny little crowd pleaser. John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge. After a particularly bad week involving new ex-wives, infidelity, and a suicide attempt, they decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke), only to discover a dilapidated town offering as much promise as their unfortunate lives. Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub sends them back to an '80s ski comedy complete with bad hair, cheesy music, and evil jocks obsessed with Red Dawn.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Nicholson in Vegas
According to Vulture, Jack Nicholson is circling CBS Films' LASt Vegas, a geriatric version of The Hangover. The script centres on four elderly men who reunite for the marriage of Billy, the last bachelor holdout of the bunch. IMDB.COM

Super Furry animals

Critters send eco-friendly message in Fraser film

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Animals have it out for Brendan Fraser's character in Furry Vengeance.

What happens when fuzzy animals learn that soulless businessmen plan to bulldoze their woodland paradise to build a suburb?

Well, obviously they take revenge by pulling a variety of goofy pranks that typically end with the poor sucker in charge of the project getting hit in the groin.

At least, that's what happens in the upcoming family farce Furry Vengeance starring Brendan Fraser and Brooke Shields. The stars recently made a trip to Toronto where they discussed their environmental slapstick comedy with Metro.

Given his career-long commitment to physical comedy, the project is certainly not a surprise for Fraser who was pleased to add it to his wacky resume.

"I thought it would be fun to play a complete doofus who is well meaning, but mis-prioritized," claimed Fraser.

Furry Vengeance opens next Friday

"Plus there's a timeliness to the environmental theme in a way that doesn't cram anything down your throat, but still teaches little kids to be nice to nature." However, Fraser did cop to one requirement he insisted on before accepting the role.

"I made the director promise that this would not be a movie about talking animals. There are enough of those already," joked the actor.

Brooke Shields (who plays Fraser's wife) admitted that she was also a little trepidatious about signing on to a wacky animal picture, but changed her tone when she learned about her potential co-star.

"I made the director promise that this would not be a movie about talking animals. There are enough of those already."
Brendan Fraser

"I am completely enamoured with Brendan and that was a huge selling point to be in the film," admitted Shields. "And then the fact that animals weren't speaking and there was a subtle, yet poignant message helped as well."

The actors' genuine appreciation for each other was evident both in their giggly duo interview and their onscreen chemistry.

But of course, this isn't just a two-actor movie. In addition to all their furry co-stars Fraser and Shields share the screen with a cavalcade of scene-stealing comedians like The Hangover's Ken Jeong and Daily Show alum Rob Riggle.

"That was another golden rule: to populate the cast with great comic actors so there was a sort of funny Greek chorus," said Fraser.

This comedy style inevitably led to a great deal of improvisational one-upsmanship between the performers.

"We always did one take as written for the studio and then when the parents went away we were all allowed to have fun," noted Fraser. This led to an open atmosphere on set that the entire cast responded to. "We are all the type of people who hunger for that freedom and thrive on it," said Shields.

The result is an incredibly silly comedy in which the entire cast joyfully makes fools of themselves. It's certainly not high art, but a playful family movie that both Brooke Shields and Brendan Fraser hope that other children will appreciate as much as their own.

Saldana's career reaches new heights

InFocus
Richard Crouse
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Zoe Saldana's career is white hot after starring roles in Star Trek and Avatar but she is no newcomer.

She's been a big screen regular for ten years, even appearing in the odd blockbuster like Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl and working with high end directors like Steven Spielberg, but she didn't become a household name until last year.

The actress, who describes herself as "a cool geek who happens to dress nice," hopes to add to her growing box office clout this weekend with The Losers, a wild action movie based on the comic book series of the same name.

She may have become a bold face name sucking up to the fanboys but she hasn't always played comic-book characters, giant blue aliens or iconic sci fi characters.

Early roles included a sharp-tongued aspiring dancer in Center Stage and the prim-and-proper best friend of Britney Spears in Crossroads — although she'd probably rather forget that one. Roger Ebert said,

"I went to Crossroads expecting a glitzy bimbofest and got the bimbos but not the fest," but it was another dance role in Drumline that earned her the best notices of her budding career.

In the time between Drumline and Star Trek, however, she made thirteen films, some big, like Pirates, some so small they barely made a blip on the screen.

For example, Haven, a complex crime drama set in the Cayman Islands scarcely made it past a festival run, but is well worth a look on DVD. Mixing and matching stories of corrupt businessmen, tax havens and romance it was too out-of-the-box for general audiences, but Saldana shines (the L.A. Times called her performance "sweet and complicated") opposite her Pirates' co-star Orlando Bloom.

Also unfairly relegated to the bargain bin was Ways of the Flesh, a 2005 medical comedy about a chief resident at a Florida Hospital who also happens to be a stand-up comedian. Saldana plays an artist whose life was once saved by the main character.

Directed by real-life doctor-turned-filmmaker Dennis Cooper, it's a sweet and funny film about not taking yourself too seriously.

Dues paid, Saldana now stars in blockbusters, which has benefits other than the juicy paycheques. In the past she says she was often mistaken for Thandie Newton — so much so that her own mother once confused the two of them — but given her recent success I'm guessing it's now Newton who gets mistaken for Saldana.

Zoe Saldana seen here in the forgettable Britney Spears starrer Crossroads.

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Screen Times

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OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Broken Embraces (14A) Fri 4:15
Crazy Heart (14A) Sat 1 Sun 6:25 Mon 4:30 Tue 8:45
Defendor (14A) Wed-Thu 9:05
An Education (PG) Wed 6:55 Thu 4:45
Last Train Home (STC) Fri 6:55 Sat 9:25 Sun 1:30-8:45 Mon-Tue 6:50
The Lives of Others (14A) Mon 8:45 Tue 4
A Single Man (PG) Wed 4:45 Thu 6:55
Un Prophète (18A) Fri 8:50 Sat 3:25-6:25 Sun 3:25

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Lulu and Jimi (STC) Sat 7
Memory Work: The Films of Cecilia Araneda (STC) Thu 7:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun-Wed
Revanche (STC) Fri 7

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Call Theatre For Showtimes (STC) Fri-Sun

CENTRETOWN MOVIES
Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset St. W., 613-232-1534, centretownmovies.org

Listings not available at press time.

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:25 Sat 6:45-9:25 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Back-Up Plan (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:05
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Sat 7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:55
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-5-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:15
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:05-9:45
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15 Mon-Thu 4:15
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:10
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:30
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50
The Losers (PG) Fri 1:30-4:10-7:30-10 Sat 7:30-10 Sun 1:30-4:10-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:30-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oceans (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5:7:15-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:15-9:30
WWE: Extreme Rules (STC) Sun 8

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

The Back-Up Plan (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:25
Date Night (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:55-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:30
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:10
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:15 Mon-Tue 3:30-6:30-9:15 Wed-Thu 3:30-9:05
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 4-8 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-8 Mon-Thu 4-8
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9
The Runaways (14A) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:20

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

Adaptation (14A) Sat 12
Flesh & Blood (STC) Sat 10:15 Mon 10:15
Lost Highway (STC) Sat 11:55 Sun 10:30
Naked Lunch (STC) Sun 12
Picasso Trigger (STC) Fri 11:55
The Serpent and the Rainbow (STC) Tue 10:15
Soundtrack for a Revolution (STC) Fri 10:15 Wed-Thu 9:45
The White Ribbon (14A) Wed-Thu 7

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

Avatar (PG) Sat 2
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun-Thu
Viva Las Vegas (STC) Fri 7

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Avatar (PG) Fri-Thu 10-1:15-4:40-8
Chloe (18A) Fri-Thu 4:10-9:05
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-7-9:20
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:10-6:40
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:10-9:10 Thu 1
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-2:40-4:50
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:10-2:20-4:30
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-5:20-7:15

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Clash of the Titans (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 4:15-7:9:20 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:9:20 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 4:15-7:9:20
Kick-Ass (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 3:45-6:30-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:30-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:10
The Losers (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4-6:45-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

The Back-Up Plan (PG) Fri-Thu 10:55-1:40-4:30-7:20-9:55
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 7:30-10
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:05-3:50-6:50-9:20
Date Night (14A) Fri-Thu 11-1:10-3:20-6:35-9:10
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 11:15-1:50-4:15-6:45-9:15
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 10:50-1:20-3:40-6:30-9
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 11:10-1:45-4:40-7:25-9:45
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri 10:35-12:55-3:30 Sat 10:35 Sun-Thu 10:35-12:55-3:30
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:05-1:35-4:20-7:10-9:40
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 10:25-1:15-4:05-7:05-9:50
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:25-4-7-9:35
The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:40-3:55-6:55-9:25

Clockwise for left, Martin Lawrence, Tracy Morgan, Chris Rock and Peter Dinklage get their laughs on in Death At A Funeral.

The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oceans (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:15-12:35-2:45-5-7:15-9:30

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Avatar 3D (G) Fri 8:45 Sat 6:30 Sun 5 Thu 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
Requins 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 1-4 Sun 10-1-4 Tue 1-4 Wed-Thu 1-4-7
Sharks 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 10-11-12-2-3-5 Sun 11-12-2-3 Tue 11-12-2-3-5-7-8 Wed-Thu 11-12-2-3-5-8
U2 3D (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Sun 9:10 Tue-Wed 9

CINÉ-CAMPUS UQO
283 rue St-Jean-Bosco, 819-773-1888

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Coluche, L'Histoire d'un Mec (G) Tue 1-3:30 Wed-Thu 7
Date Night (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:20-7-9:20 Mon 7 Tue 7-9:20 Wed-Thu 9:20
Dragons 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-7:10 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-7:10 Wed-Thu 7:10
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Sun 3:10-9:10 Tue 3:10-9:10 Wed-Thu 9:10
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3-6:50-9 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3-6:50-9 Wed-Thu 6:50-9
Kick-Ass (13+) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:30

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Alvin et les Chipmunks: La suite (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:05-3:40
Avatar (G) Fri-Sun 1:35-6:25 Mon-Thu 12-2:45-5:30
Le Chasseur de Primes (G) Fri-Sun 5:15-7:10-9:05 Mon-Thu 1:45-3:40-7:20-9:15
La fée des dents (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30 Mon-Thu 12-5:35
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-3:20-7-8:45 Mon-Thu 2:05-3:40-7:20-9
Percy Jackson et les Olypiens: Le Voleur de foudre (G) Fri-Sun 12-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 12-5:15
Le Petit Nicolas (STC) Fri-Sun 12 Mon-Thu 12-5:30
La Rage de Vivre (G) Fri-Sun 5-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:35-8:20
Repreneurs (16+) Fri-Sun 5:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 1:40-7:05-9:05

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

Listings not available at press time.

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Le Choc des Titans (STC) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3-6:30-9:10 Mon 6:30-9:10 Tue 12:20-3-6:30-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:10
La Dernière Chanson (G) Fri 7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:10-7:05-9:35 Mon 7:05-9:35 Tue 12:30-3:10-7:05-9:35 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:35
Dragons 3D (G) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-3:20-7-9:15 Mon 7-9:15 Tue 1-3:20-7-9:15 Wed-Thu 7-9:15
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:50-9:25 Mon 6:50-9:25 Tue 1:10-3:45-6:50-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:25
Joyeuses Funérailles (G) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:25-7:20-9:45 Mon 7:20-9:45 Tue 12:40-3:25-7:20-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:45
Kick-Ass (13+) Fri 6:20-9 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:45-6:20-9 Mon 6:20-9 Tue 12:10-2:45-6:20-9 Wed-Thu 6:20-9
The Losers (G) Fri 7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-7:15-9:40 Mon 7:15-9:40 Tue 12:50-3:30-7:15-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:40
Océans (G) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:2:15-4:15-7:10-9:05 No Passes Mon 7:10-9:05 No Passes Tue 12:2:15-4:15-7:10-9:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:10-9:05
Le Plan B (G) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon 6:40-9:30 Tue 1:15-3:50-6:40-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:30

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

Alice in Wonderland (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:10
The Back-Up Plan (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:20
The Bounty Hunter (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3-6:35-9:10
Le Choc des Titans (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-6:45-9:20
Clash of the Titans (STC) Fri-Wed 1-3:35-6:55-9:45 Thu 1-3:35-9:45
Date Night (G) Fri-Wed 12:15-2:40-4:55-7:05-9:15 Thu 2:40-4:55-7:05-9:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 12:15
Death at a Funeral (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:50
Dragons (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5-7:30-10
Hot Tub Time Machine (13+) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:50-5:20-7:45-10:05
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:55
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri-Wed 11:45-12:45-2:20-3:20-5:15-6:50-7:50-9:25-10:15 Thu 11:45-2:20-3:20-5:15-6:50-7:50-9:25-10:15 Thu 12:45
Kick-Ass (13+) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:25-7:15-10 Fri-Thu 12:25-3:10-6:40-9:30
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-7-9:40
The Losers (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-7:10-9:35

BARRHAVEN

BARRHAVEN CINEMAS
131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

The Back-Up Plan (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6-8:40
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:10
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:40
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:20
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:10-8 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Losers (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

10 Days X Canada (STC) Wed 7
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri 12:50-4:35-7:35-10:15 Sat 4:35-7:35-10:15 Sun-Thu 12:50-4:35-7:35-10:15
The Back-Up Plan (PG) Fri-Tue 1:3:50-6:40-9:20 Wed 3:50-6:40-9:20 Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:20-9
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Sat 12:35-3:25-6:15-8:45 Sun 12:35-3:25-6:15 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:25-6:15-8:45
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Tue 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:30-9:50
Date Night (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3-6:35-8:50
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:05-7:45-10:20 Wed 4:05-7:45-10:20 Thu 1:40-4:05-7:45-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:40-8:30
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:40-10:10
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri 12:40-3:15-7:30-10 Sat 7:30-10 Sun 3:15-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:15-7:30-10
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:9:30
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Sat-Sun 1 Wed-Thu 7
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-6:50-9:40
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:05-9:45
The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-6:45-9:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet Encore (STC) Sat 1
Oceans (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:30
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sat 6:30-9:25 Sun 9:25 Mon-Tue 6:30-9:25 Wed 9:25 Thu 6:30-9:25
WWE: Extreme Rules (STC) Sun 8

ORLEANS

ORLEANS TOWN CENTRE 6 CINEMAS
250 Centrum Blvd., 613-834-0666

KANATA

KANATA 24
801 Earl Grey Dr., 613-599-1200

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15-2:15-4:55-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:40-10:20
Avatar (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-2:30-6:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:15-9:50
The Back-Up Plan (PG) Special Engagement Fri 10:55-11:40-1:40-2:25-4:15-5-7-7:55-9:30-10:25-12 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:55-11:40-1:40-2:25-4:15-5-7-7:55-9:30-10:25 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:25-4:15-5-7-7:55-9:30-10:25
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sun 11:25-2-4:50-7:45-10:20 Mon-Wed 2-4:50-7:45-10:20 Thu 2
Chloe (18A) Fri-Sun 11:35-4:55-10:10 Mon-Wed 4:55-10:10 Thu 4:55
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Sun 11-1:45-5-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:35-10:15 Fri-Sun 11-1:45-5-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:35-10:15
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Special Engagement Fri 10:35-1:15-4:30-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:35-4:30-7:05-9:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:05-9:45
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:25-8-10:20 Fri-Sun 11:45-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35 Fri-Sun 10:30-12:45-3:05-5:25-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35
Death at a Funeral (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:40-12:25-2:15-2:45-4:40-5:10-7:10-7:40-9:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:15-2:45-4:40-5:10-7:15-7:40-9:40-10:10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-1:50-4:15-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:20
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 10:35-1:40-4:35-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:35-10:25
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:50-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:20-9:55
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:35-4-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:15
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:15-9:35 Special Engagement Mon-Tue 2:05-4:45-7:15-9:35 Special Engagement Wed-Thu 2:05-4:45-9:50
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Special Engagement Fri 12 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 2 Special Engagement Wed-Thu 7:30
Kick-Ass (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-11-12:30-1:15-1:45-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30 Mon-Wed 3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30 Thu 3:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-10-10:30
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Wed 2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05 Thu 2:10
The Losers (PG) Special Engagement Fri 11:10-11:50-1:55-2:25-4:25-5:05-7:05-7:50-9:35-10:30-12 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-11:50-1:55-2:25-4:25-5:05-7:05-7:50-9:35-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:25-4:25-5:05-7:05-7:50-9:45-10:30
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Thu 12:01
Oceans (G) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-12:45-3:5-15-7:30-9:40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3-5:15-7:30-9:40
The Runaways (14A) Fri-Wed 2:10-7:20 Thu 2:10

Top 5 albums on the Billboard 200
1. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 2. Congratulations, MGMT; 3. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 4. Raymond V Raymond, Usher; 5. Year of the Black Rainbow, Coheed and Cambria. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Escape to reality

Corinne Bailey Rae hits road following death of husband

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Corinne Bailey Rae had a career every artist dreams of. Her 2006 self-titled debut was selling like crazy — it sold close to two million copies worldwide and she was nominated for four Grammys that year.

But that all came to a grinding halt in December 2008, when her husband, musician Jason Rae, accidentally overdosed and died. Rae doesn't like talking about those days. She refers to that period as a "break" or "time off" and never mentions her husband once during our interview. It's clear though that her time away from music was more than a temporary stop — she alludes that she was close to never playing again.

"I wasn't thinking like that," she says. "I didn't think that far ahead."

In fact, starting to work again happened by accident she says. "I found myself playing guitar and instead of it being something to do to express myself I was trying to make stuff up again. It was really surprising to me, really nice and really unexpected. It was a combination of finding myself writing and listening back to what I've done before and being happy with it."

Although Rae didn't directly address what she's been through, she didn't have to — it's all over her new disc, The Sea. The record is an edgy, emotional trip through loss. You can feel her loneliness on album opener Are You Here. "Are you here, cause my heart recalls that it all seems the same," she laments in the song's chorus. On The Blackest Lily she sings, "Colour my heart, make it restart, I want it more than I ever knew."

The British songstress did say that it wasn't hard to open up. "I wanted to be truthful," she explains. While it's much deeper lyrically than her debut, the new disc is also a lot more diverse musically. She tackles R&B, pop, some psychedelia and, on Paper Dolls, with its '60s guitar riff straight up rock.

"I felt like I wanted to do something more aggressive," she reveals. "I wanted to stay soulful but be cheekier and dirtier. The opening riff to Paper Dolls was the first thing I wrote for the album."

There's no question she's jumping into her music and touring, and while she doesn't say it's to get away from her personal tragedy at home, it's hard not to think that the extensive touring she plans to do is her way of dealing with her loss.

"I think I'm going to play a lot. I want to do the work, I believe in the record and this disc suits being played live. That's why I think I can see us doing a lot of gigs. The record deserves it." And, perhaps, so does she.

In Concert

- Corinne Bailey Rae plays Club Soda in Montreal on April 28.

Corinne Bailey Rae's The Sea is an emotional trip through loss.

Orwellian plan to track your music

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Alan Cross

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Anyone who has travelled to or through the U.S. knows that customs procedures and requirements have become more stringent over the last decade.

If the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America have their way, it could get a lot more complicated for music fans.

The Office of International Intellectual Property Enforcement (IPE) is the branch of the U.S. State Department that enforces interests of holders of American copyrights. This includes counterfeit and pirated material of all sorts.

The RIAA and the MPAA recently submitted a coordinated strategic plan to the IPE — and it's insane on an Orwellian level. They call for the following:

- The installation of spyware on all computers capable of detecting and deleting material it believes infringes copyright. (They believe that once educated, consumers will install this software voluntarily.)
- Mandatory installation of software on all Internet connections to detect and stop transfers of material it deems to be infringing copyright.
- Empower U.S. customs agents to search for pirated or unauthorized material on personal media players (MP3 players and phones), laptops, USB drives or any other media with the ability to store audio and video. If they find something, then the device should be seized. (Canadian customs can do the same thing, but require a court order.)
- New copyright enforcement muscle by everyone from the FBI to the Department of Homeland Security, specifically asking them to provide protection during summer blockbuster season.
- The IPE to lean on countries around the world to adopt the same policies.

Before we get too freaked out, it's important to remember that this is just a wishlist submitted by the RIAA and the MPAA. What's scary, though, is the window this gives us into how the American entertainment industry is thinking these days: A non-neutral Internet, less digital privacy (including the enlistment of American citizens to participate in the surveillance of themselves) and the use of federal agents to act as free bodyguards for high-profile releases.

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Take a dip with Caribou

Polaris winner uses prize money to fund imaginative new album, Swim

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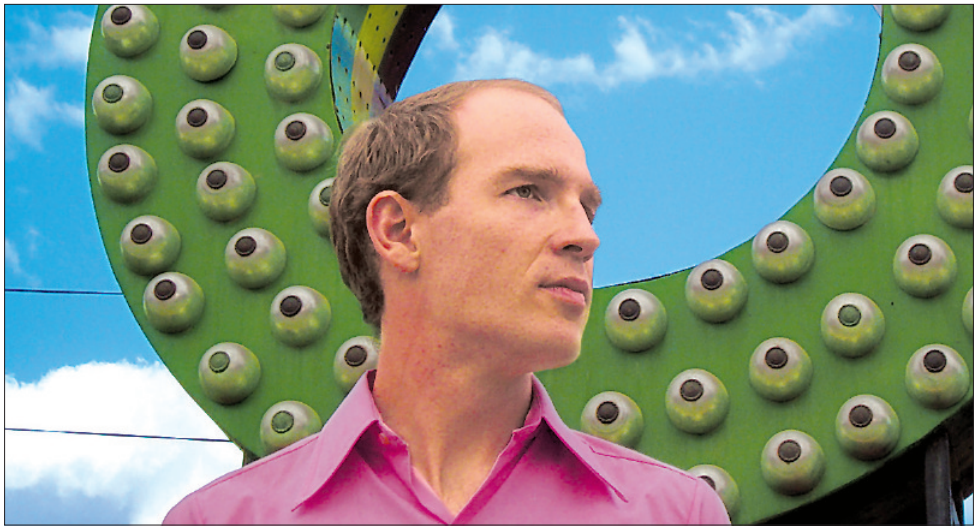

Swim — the new album from 2008 Polaris Music Prize winner Caribou — is a deeply imaginative work built of kaleidoscopic melodies, astounding percussion and vibrant textures.

"Being awarded anything still seems surreal to me."

Nearly two years after taking home a $20,000 cheque and the coveted Polaris Music Prize in 2008 for his album Andorra, Dan Snaith is still remarkably humble about it. He really shouldn't be though.

Under his musical pseudonym Caribou, Snaith has released some of the most vividly sublime and carefully calculated headphone music not just by a Canadian but by an artist of any nationality. His meticulous attention to detail, which could be linked to his prowess in mathematics (he holds a PhD in the subject), has made him one of the most distinct musicians going — but try telling him that.

With his new album Swim, Snaith felt he needed to make his definitive statement as Caribou. "I'm really proud of all my albums, they all feel like a part of me," Snaith admits. "But this album, the main idea for me was to make it the most 'me' possible. I didn't want people to be like, 'Oh, this was influenced by this, this was influenced by that.' And that just led to me making it the most identifiable album that I've made. Maybe that's a confidence thing, I don't know."

Like any of Caribou's five albums, Swim is a deeply imaginative work built of kaleidoscopic melodies, astounding percussion and vibrant textures. While each of his previous albums were all very individual pieces inspired by a specific style of music, Swim represents the clearest picture of what exactly the Caribou sound is.

"I feel that each of the albums represented a different side of my musical tastes. It's not a conscious thing though," he says. "Andorra was definitely the pop album for me. It's the poppiest I'm ever going to be, presumably. Swim is more all-encompassing. It contains a bit of the pop element from Andorra, the dance music influence, a bit of the psychedelic thing going on — all of the things that excite me about music are in there somewhere it seems to me, anyway."

And when it comes to how he pulled it off, Snaith credits the money he received from his Polaris win as the main reason he was able to make this album. "In a prosaic respect it meant that I could do things on this album that I hadn't considered doing previously," he explains. "There were more collaborative things that I wouldn't maybe have thought to do if I didn't have the facility to do it financially."

In Concert

• Caribou will be in Ottawa to play babylon on May 4.

Bruce Cockburn

Cockburn writing life story

PEOPLE Bruce Cockburn is writing his life story.

The memoir, to be published by HarperCollins, is due for release in April 2012.

Cockburn has made some 30 albums and is also known for his activism on issues like the environment and Third World debt.

The singer says he's been approached in the past about doing a book on his life, but always thought it was too soon to do such a project.

Born in Ottawa in 1945, Cockburn's songs have been covered by Jerry Garcia, the Barenaked Ladies, Jimmy Buffett, and k.d. lang. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In brief

CHARTS The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending April 24.

1. Iron Man 2 Soundtrack — AC/DC
2. Glee: The Music — The Power of Madonna — Glee Cast
3. My World 2.0 — Justin Bieber
4. The Fame Monster — Lady Gaga
5. Nikki — Nikki Yanofsky
6. Slash — Slash
7. Need You Now — Lady Antebellum
8. Crazy Love — Michael Bublé
9. Congratulations — MGMT
10. One Love — David Guetta

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How to make it again

How to Make It in America, starring Bryan Greenberg (right), has been renewed, HBO said on Wednesday. The series, which focuses on two guys trying to start their own clothing company, will return for Season 2 in summer 2011. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

It's TV pilot season

Turreted and stately, the house on a quiet street in Newton had been vacant for a while.

But for a few days last month, its 'For Sale' signs went away. Trucks, trailers, crews and actors converged along Lake Avenue after fliers in every neighbour's mailbox gave fair warning: This picture-perfect homestead would temporarily be occupied as one of several shooting sites around the Boston area for a CBS pilot called Quinn-Tuplets.

Quinn-Tuplets is just one of 80-plus scripted pilots in production and due to be evaluated soon by the five broadcast networks. Each is bucking for a berth on a fall prime-time schedule. But only a handful will make the cut. That means if Quinn-Tuplets doesn't pass muster with CBS execs, it will be tossed, forever unseen by the public, on the lofty scrapheap of busted TV pilots.

Such is the game of win or lose played out each pilot season in a high-stakes, time-crunched scramble.

Lately, a year-round program rollout has found favour in the industry. Even so, the May "upfront" presentations — heralding a new crop of fall TV to advertisers and the world — remain. This half-century-old rite perpetuates the need for pilots to sustain it. Lots of pilots. Pronto.

Shawn Ryan, with series to his credit including The Unit and The Shield, has a pilot in the works for Fox called Ride-Along.

"When you're producing an ongoing show," he said one hectic day last week, "It feels like you're in an out-of-control car hurtling 100 miles per hour and you never know whether you'll get someplace, or crash. With a pilot, you start at a standstill, and you're told you've got to be at 100 miles per hour — tomorrow!"

(Above) Becki Newton (Ugly Betty) and (right) Jordana Spiro (My Boys) are acting in a pilot for a potential new series Love Bites.

Almost in lockstep, the process goes like this: Come January, scripts for dramas and comedies are picked by the studios from hundreds in development. Production begins. By the end of April, each finished pilot is delivered to the network that ordered it. Then, in mid-May, the networks unveil their fall lineups, with a lucky few new shows part of the mix — all whipped together in the frantic fortnight that went before.

"The advantage is, it's a system that everybody's used to," said David Stapf, president of CBS Television Studios.

"The disadvantage: We're all going after the same directors, the same actors, at the same time. That makes it difficult."

Stapf has a dozen pilots under way for the sister CBS network (besides Quinn-Tuplets, they include a revived Hawaii Five-O and Reagan's Law, a cop drama starring Tom Selleck), plus two for the CW. These came from scores of scripts and series pitches he'd been shepherding since last summer.

"There's absolutely no rest until the May upfronts and then the reward, should you succeed, is to be told, 'OK, you're going to be filming the series in two months. Go to it!"

Producer Shawn Ryan

But for Cindy Chupack, the script development phase of her NBC project, Love Bites, took place two years ago. Then NBC opted not to go the next step to a pilot. Much to her surprise early this year, Chupack learned Love Bites had sprung back to life: The network's current bosses wanted a pilot. Under the aegis of NBC's Universal Media Studios, she started hiring a crew and casting roles.

Chupack (whose credits as a writer-producer include Sex and the City) conceived Love Bites as an hour-long romantic comedy anthology with loosely connected tales of love, marriage and dating. Besides a slate of guest stars, she signed Becki Newton (Ugly Betty) and Jordana Spiro (My Boys) as the series' regular cast members.

"We're going from words on paper that only a few executives saw and decided not to make before, to now," said Chupack in a recent interview from Los Angeles, sounding jazzed as she faced the 14th and final shooting day. "It's really nice to employ a lot of people and have them making this thing that's been on paper for a long time."

On the other hand, Love Bites will be fighting for a place at the table against established series NBC may stick with, plus a dozen-and-a-half other pilots. These include the high-profile Rockford Files remake and a legal drama starring Jimmy Smits, whose executive producer is NBC's ex-communicated talk-show host, Conan O'Brien.

"I'm kind of Zen about it," said Chupack when asked about her nail-biting plans when she is waiting for the verdict. "There are so many factors I have no control over."

She expects to hear the news — good or bad — as late as Sunday, May 16. If her show's among the chosen few, she'll jump on a plane to be in New York at NBC's presentation for ad-buyers Monday morning.

Shawn Ryan isn't counting on a phone call any earlier from Fox about the fate of Ride-Along. Fox will unveil its lineup that Monday afternoon.

Ride-Along is a Chicago-based police drama starring Jennifer Beals (The L Word) and Jason Clarke (Brotherhood).

"But I wanted to investigate a city more than just tell another cop story," Ryan said.

As he spoke, he was halfway through a 14-day location shoot that wasn't set to wrap until this Sunday. The first edit of the pilot was due for delivery to Fox a week later, with fine-tuning to follow.

"There's absolutely no rest until the May upfronts," Ryan said. "And then the reward, should you succeed, is to be told, 'OK, you're going to be filming the series in two months. Go to it!'"

Then, a few months after that, comes the biggest hurdle yet for the new shows that have made it to the air: Will anybody watch?

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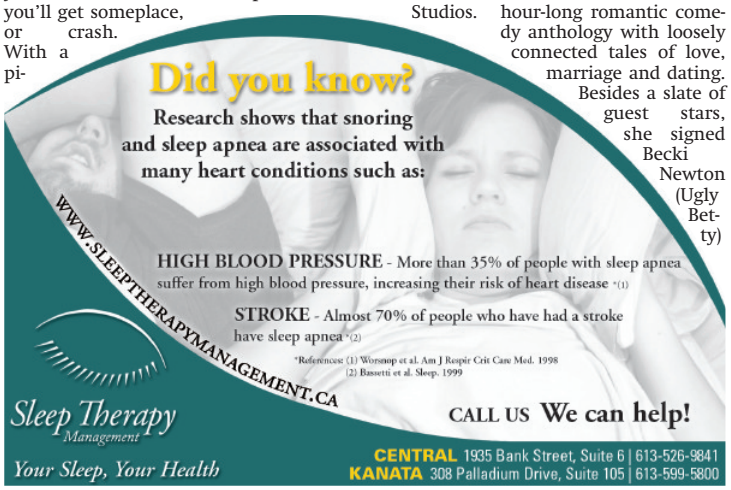


Cooking with a conscious

FOOD Alice Waters is unlikely to become the next Food Network Iron Chef. But with sustainable eating hot fodder for celebrity chefs, the woman many credit with planting the seeds of the movement may make the jump to her own television program.

The California-based food activist says she's exploring new ways of spreading her message about the importance of fresh, local food and supporting the farmers who grow it, including a possible TV show, though talks for that still are in the early stages.

"I want so much for this message about food to reach people," Waters said in an interview.

Waters put her quest for new connections into action Wednesday, participating in an online video conference that saw her taking questions about cooking and food policy from her Berkeley kitchen. She earlier held a similar session with bloggers.

The notion of eating fresh and local never has been more popular. Chefs from Rachael Ray to Paula Deen are talking about the importance of nutrition, the wife of the U.S. president, Michelle Obama, is leading a national charge against child obesity, and Jamie Oliver recently turned his effort to reform the diet of a West Virginia town into a hit reality television program.

"I think we're all talking about real food versus imitation food. That's the place we need to go"

Alice Waters
chef and writer

"It's so unbelievably gratifying," said Waters.

"I think we're all talking about real food versus imitation food. That's the place we need to go."

Waters, who opened her landmark Chez Panisse restaurant in 1971, has been widely praised for programs such as The Edible Schoolyard that she started at a Berkeley middle school, and has since spread elsewhere, teaching students about food, health and the environment. But she's also been criticized as being out-of-touch with average working families, partly because of her message that good food is worth paying a premium for.

Waters reiterated her belief that good food is a good investment.

"You either pay up front, or you pay out back," she said.

"You either pay in your health and your way of life and the health of the planet or you come into a new relationship with food."

But Waters — whose latest book In the Green Kitchen, features simple techniques from a number of chefs — said eating well doesn't have to mean a big expense. Eating meat every day is expensive, but learning how to cook different things, such as inexpensive lentils and chickpeas or faro is not.

"It's what this book is all about. It's really about demystifying food."

Oliver, whose ABC show Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, documents his efforts to change eating habits in Huntington, W.Va., said in an email that Waters "has created a program that works brilliantly for her community.

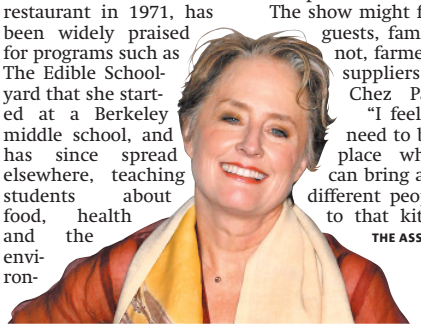
"She has found a way to get everyone on board and really teaches kids and adults about proper food. And she teaches them to really enjoy and cherish it too. Her books bring her recipes to everyone. There's nothing elitist about that."

Waters said that if she does a television show she would like it to be on public television.

"Some of my heroes of cooking have been on PBS in the past," she said.

The show might feature guests, famous or not, farmers and suppliers to Chez Panisse.

"I feel like I need to be in a place where I can bring a lot of different people into that kitchen."



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Oh captain, our captain

"It's time for Canada to boldly go where no country has gone before."

That phrase leads off a Facebook page calling for Canadian-born actor William Shatner to be named Canada's next Governor General.

About 10,700 people have signed on to the page suggesting Capt. Kirk beam into Rideau Hall once Michaëlle Jean beams out.

Jean's five-year mission will soon expire and Prime Minister Stephen Harper is considering who will replace her.

The Facebook page asks fans to imagine Shatner reading the throne speech in that Capt. Kirk style "we have come to know and love."

The Montreal-born Shatner recently sang Canada's praises during the closing ceremonies of the Vancouver Olympics.

Wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen was recently mentioned as a possible candidate to replace Jean, but a spokeswoman for the Man in Motion said Hansen has not been offered the job.

Other possibilities include John de Chastelain, a former chief of defence staff and Canadian ambassador to the United States, Inuit leader Mary Simon and Reform Party founder Preston Manning.

A Facebook page set up in March to promote Manning for the vice-regal position has less than 500 fans.

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FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/23/10	265	353	2	TVO	India with Sanjeev Bhaskar		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat "Guilty Secrets"		A. Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	X-Weighted "Rebekah"		Shark Tank		Brothers & Sisters (N)		News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Jamie Oliver's Food		Miami Medical (N)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer		Medium (HDTV)		The Bridge (N) (DVS)		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Buffalo Sabres. (HDTV) (Live)					National	NHL Hockey: Kings at Canucks		
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?		Dateline NBC A man's double life is exposed. (N)				News
	-	362	13	CBS	The Insider	Judge Brown	Ghost Whisperer		Medium (HDTV)		Miami Medical (N)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14	OMN2	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Who Do You Think You Are?		Murdoch Mysteries		Warehouse 13 "Pilot"		News
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Little Man* ★★ (2006, Comedy) Shawn Wayans.				*Four Rooms* ★ (1995, Drama) Tim Roth, Valeria Golino.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Wife Swap (N)		Jamie Oliver's Food		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "Black Hole"		Kitchen Nightmares (N)		FOX 2 News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet Connected		Prime Time
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Washington Capitals.					Hockey	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Coyotes		
family	554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars Clo.	Futurama	King of Hill	*Planet of the Apes* (2001, Science Fiction)		
	557	540	51	FAM	Sonny-Chance	Suite/Deck	*Agent Cody Banks* (2003, Adventure)			(9:42) *Doc Hollywood* ★★★ (1991)			*Grumpier Men*
	551	542	65	YTV	*What a Girl Wants* ★ (2003, Comedy-Drama)				Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Termination Point* (2007, Suspense) Jason Priestley.				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild (N)		Egypt Unwrapped (N)		Daily Planet
	581	566	53	MTV	After Show	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	16 and Pregnant		1 girl 5 gays
	522	506	55	HIS	Ax Men "The Big Hit"		Nostradamus Effect		*The Firm* ★★★ (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn.				
	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Bitchin	Road Grill	Road Grill	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/24/10	265	353	2	TVO	Into the Wilderness		*The Dresser* ★★★ (1983, Comedy-Drama) (DVS)				The Interviews	*Phantom of the Paradise*	
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	Gunless	*Maternal Obsession* (2008, Suspense) Nicholle Tom.				Love-Death	G-Spot	News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		The 2010 JUNO Awards				Stargate Atlantis "The Ark"		Bravo!FACT
	196	311	7	CTV	W5 (N) (DVS)		Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame			etalk	Spectacle: Elvis		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live)						To Be Announced		
	-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	362	13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider	CSI: NY "The Triangle"		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery (N)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Nations	Trendy Zone	*Wild Mountains* ★★ (1986, Drama) Du Yuan, Yue Hong.				Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Nations
	214	344	15	CITY	cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*All Hat* (2007, Drama) Keith Carradine. (DVS)				Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Mona Lisa Smile* ★★ (2003, Drama) Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst.					*Darkness Falls* ★★ (2003, Horror)			News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		*Norbit* ★ (2007, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Cuba Gooding Jr..				Castle (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	News	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Wanda Sykes
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	406	417	27	net	(6) MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Tampa Bay Rays.				Sportsnet	Week/B'ball	Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	109 (SC)	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tellement	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Milwaukee Bucks. (HDTV) (Live)					NBA Basketball: Lakers at Thunder			
family	554	544	48	TEL	*The Flintstones* ★★ (1994, Comedy) John Goodman.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Mr. Wonderful* (1993, Romance-Comedy)			(10:38) *Curly Sue*	
	551	542	65	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32	SPKE	UFC Unleashed		Countdown to Aldo vs. Faber		WEC: Aldo vs. Faber Prelims		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Warrior
	616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		*NYC: Tornado Terror* (2008, Suspense) Nicole de Boer.				*Hitman* ★★ (2007, Action)		
	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Deadliest Catch "Slow Burn"		License to Drill		Ghost Lab (N)
	581	566	53	MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After Show	After	Bitch Is Back	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After Show
	522	506	55	HIS	Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		*Enemy of the State* ★★★ (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Jon Voight.				
	603	561	95	FN	Glutton	Pitchin' In	100 Mile Challenge		Chopped		Top Chef Masters (N)		Hell's Kitchen

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/25/10	265	353	2	TVO	Monarchy "Survival"		Empire of the Word		Foyle's War "The Hide" (N)			The View From Here	
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	King of Hill	Cleveland	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame			Old Christine	Law & Order: SVU		In Fashion
	196	311	7	CTV	Human Target (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Desperate Housewives		Flashpoint		CTV News
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Kudrow series set for TV

Lisa Kudrow's online series, Web Therapy, can soon be seen on television. Showtime has picked up the 45-episode project and will convert the clips into a series of half-hour episodes, according to The Hollywood Reporter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Volcanic ash

CULTURE Its name may look like someone slammed their fingers on the key board, but the Eyjafjallajokull volcano wasn't to be taken lightly this week. Ash from the Icelandic volcano grounded air travel, and placed the North Atlantic island-nation back in the news.

2 The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus

DVD Fans of Heath Ledger will want to drop by their local video store next week to pick up a copy of his last film. The Terry Gilliam-directed movie features an all-star cast, including Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell — who helped complete the film after Ledger's 2008 passing.

3 South Park

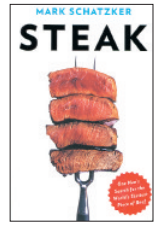
TV It looks like Trey Parker and Matt Stone still know how to push the envelope. The Associated Press reports a radical Muslim group has warned the creators of South Park that they could face violent retribution for depicting the prophet Muhammad in a bear suit during last week's episode.

4 Nightmare on Elm Street

MOVIES Freddy Krueger is back — and this time he isn't being portrayed by Robert England. In this latest re-imagining, which opens next week, the bladed glove-wearing serial killer is portrayed by Jackie Earle Haley. Is Freddy ready to scare a new generation?

5 Steak

BOOKS Travel writer and humorist Mark Schatzker grills those involved in the world of steak culture in his search for the world's tastiest piece of meat. The book is a grade-A look into the world of top sirloin and the lunatic lengths people will go to find the choicest cuts and best ways to cook a steak.



6 MAC's Prêt-à-Papier

BEAUTY This new neural colour collection, inspired by the paper patterns snipped-out by fashion designer, sews together a seamless spectrum of shadows, pencils, lipsticks and blushes in shades ranging from parchment to vellum beige. Put away your scissors, pull out your makeup brushes and get crafting.

7 Undateable

ADVICE Author's Ellen Rakieten and Anne Coyle have come up with a list of 311 things guys do that guarantee they won't get dates. So, what makes their no-no list? Jorts (that's jean shorts to the lingo-challenged), bad facial hair, Hawaiian shirts, stupid T-shirts and fur coats.

Mix of Six

Plants and Animals

When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: Babylon, 317 Bank St.

Montreal-based indie band Plants and Animals released its latest album, La La Land earlier this week. The show is 19+.

Vincent Dance Theatre: Broken Chords

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: National Arts Centre

Performed by one of the UK's most innovative dance/physical theatre companies, Broken Chords is visually striking, honest and full of dark humour and sublime dancing. Set among rows of chairs under a huge chandelier, the piece is performed to an original soundtrack with live violin and cello.

Stars on Ice

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Mod Club, 722 College

The all-new production, On the Edge, features four-time world champion Kurt Browning, Olympic gold medalists Jamie Salè and David Pelletier, Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen and Olympic bronze medalist and reigning world champion Jeff Buttle.

Springfest

When: Saturday, 6 p.m.
Where: Parkdale United Church, 429 Parkdale Ave.

The fundraiser for the Canadian Future Achievers features dinner and entertainment – violin, song, dance and more. The organization supports high-achieving minority Aboriginal, First Nations and Inuit youth, as well as those with a Caribbean heritage.

James Hill and Anne Davison

When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre, 1233 Wellington St.

James Hill and Anne Davison play as the fifth concert in the Ottawa Folk Festival's Acoustic Waves Concert Series.

Minto Run for Reach

When: Sunday
Where: Ottawa City Hall

The 25th annual Minto Run for Reach features a half-marathon, 10K run, 5K run, 5K wheelchair race, 5K youth challenge and a 3K family walk/run and roll. The race is a fundraiser for Reach Canada.

Madonna helped launched career of plus size hip hop dancer

British plus size hip hop dancer Kymberlee Jay found fame after being hand-picked by Madonna to appear in promo videos.

Predictably, her striking appearance and unconventional dancer's physique simultaneously inspired women and sparked controversy in the industry. She is now an athlete on the Nike payroll, a TV presenter, choreographer, and of course a dancer.

She recently spoke to Metro World News about, er, waacking and krumping.

Q You seem to have so many jobs, how do you cope?

A I don't know! I have always enjoyed being busy and learning new things so I guess that's part of it. All of my activities connect somehow so it's quite easy to multi-task — like when I have my "choreographer" hat on, I can also be a Nike Athlete and Performance Coach! It can be stressful and I work a lot of hours, but I wouldn't change it for the world!

Q Are there any new underground styles emerging?

A I think the underground style which is still least understood and being still being discovered is Krump. It's a very personal and exciting style that looks like it's extremely wild but is actually very controlled. A style that is making a big come back on the underground is also waacking. This was hugely popular in the nightclubs of Los Angeles in the '70s and is fast becoming the newest trend on the scene.

Q Which are you most focused How did you end up dancing with Madonna?

A Madonna saw me in the Nike commercial called "Take sport — add music" and asked me if I would like to join her in her music video for Hung Up. This led on to an appearance in the video for Sorry which was extremely exciting... She is a huge inspiration to me and has been since I was four years old.

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Hip hop dancer Kymberlee Jay.

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Warrant out for Deadliest Catch star

Deadliest Catch star Jake Harris is now among the hunted. Harris failed to appear at a hearing Wednesday in his reckless driving case "so the court issued a bench warrant for his arrest," King County, Wash., prosecutor spokesman Dan Donohoe said. PEOPLE.COM

Mandel back to the stage

Howie Mandel is now star of TV, the comedy stage ... and Twitter.

"Yesterday I spent two hours decorating eggs," he tweeted over Easter. "It's so hard to paint when they're scrambled."

The Toronto-born comedian, who returns for a live comedy performance May 1 at Orillia's Casino Rama, says tweeting is just the thing for a comic with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

"It's only 140 characters and I'm always holding my phone so whatever happens I can just share the moment," says Mandel. He even tweeted about the recent California earthquake. "The chandelier over my urinal is still swinging," he joked.

Mandel wrote about his ADHD, along with the mysophobia (fear of germs) he confronted every time he would fist-bump a contestant on Deal or No Deal, in his New York Times bestseller Here's The Deal: Don't Touch Me.

The book originally was just going to be tales of "all the funny experiences I've been lucky enough to have," after 30 years in show business, he says over the phone from Los Angeles. It turned out to be more of a confessional about coping with various personal disorders.

"People say writing about stuff like that is supposed to be cathartic. I just found it hard to focus for that length of time and to be that open."

He's happy, though, that others with similar afflictions have been able to take comfort from his experiences.

The 54-year-old says he is as surprised as anyone to find he has become a best-selling author. On the other hand, "everything I've done has been somewhat of a surprise," he says.

Older fans remember him from his six seasons on St. Elsewhere and fans of all ages know him as the squeaky-voice of Bobby from Bobby's World.

Mandel says hosting Deal or No Deal was "probably the most notoriety I've received for anything I've ever done."

Overused to stop the bleeding on NBC's failing primetime schedule, the series ended its run last year after four seasons (including a brief Canadian edition on Global) but a syndicated version with Mandel as host is still airing.

His latest U.S. network venture will be joining the judging panel on America's Got Talent, which returns for a fifth summer season starting June 1 at 8 p.m. on NBC.

Mandel will be joining judges Piers Morgan and Sharon Osbourne and replacing David Hasselhoff.

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TV star Howie Mandel is going back to his stand-up roots when he performs at Casino Rama on May 1. Mandel also returns to TV screens this summer as a judge for America's Got Talent.

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Alba's education

Actress working to give kids the chance to go to school

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

When Jessica Alba and the world's best soccer players get together, people pay attention.

The stunning actress serves as an ambassador for 1GOAL, a unique coalition of soccer stars, celebrities like Bono and Queen Rania, and world leaders like Ban Ki Moon and Hillary Clinton. South Africa will soon host Africa's first World Cup, but as 1GOAL points out, 72 million children in Africa and elsewhere don't have a chance to attend school.

Q Were you a good student growing up?

A You'd have to ask my teachers! I talked too much. But I did love learning. Science was my favorite subject as a kid.

I still love learning. I feel like I'm a student for life.

Q Most celebrities are famous for their good looks, not for winning Nobel Prizes. Why is education important?

A I think most people in developed countries take education for granted. We have free schools, good teachers, public libraries and other tools we need to learn.

In developing countries, education can literally mean the difference between life and death.

Educated children are less likely to contract HIV, earn more as an adult and can be the first in generations of their families to live above the poverty line.

Q 1GOAL runs in conjunction with the World Cup. What's the connection?

A The 2010 World Cup will be the first hosted in Africa. Seventy-two million children around the world don't have access to an education, 60 per cent are in Africa, and most are girls. Players and fans can help give a voice to the millions of girls and boys out of classrooms globally.

Q What are soccer players doing to help?

A Players like Cristiano Ronaldo, Rio Ferdinand and David James are helping us get the word out about the importance of getting every child around the world into school.

Even though they are seriously focused on the upcoming games, they've given much of their time over the last year meeting with world leaders and signing up fans to the campaign.

MORGANA WINGARD/ONE/AP PHOTO

Actress Jessica Alba sits with pupils in a Ghana classroom as part of her work with 1GOAL, a charity promoting the importance of education.

Q What do you answer young children who tell you they want to become stars?

A I say go to school first and then pursue your dreams! Anything is possible.

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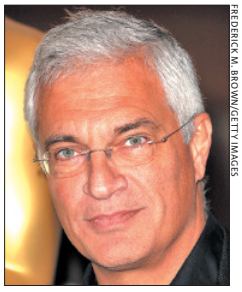
The Cove banned at U.S. base in Japan

The director of The Cove said Thursday that a decision by a U.S. military base in Japan to ban the Oscar-winning film on dolphin killings and protests at the local distributor's office won't silence the film's message on saving dolphins.



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Louie Psihoyos

The Cove documents the bloody bludgeoning of dolphins by fishermen in the western seaside Japanese town of Taiji, where some dolphins are captured and sold to aquariums while others are killed for their meat. The film has set off a flurry of debate, especially after it won best documentary at this year's Academy Awards.

The Japanese government is adamant that whaling and dolphin hunts must continue for research and cultural purposes. But most Japanese have never eaten whale or dolphin, and are shocked to see the slaughter.

The U.S. Air Force Yokota Air Base, west of Tokyo, decided last week to cancel the screening at its on-base theatre to be "sensitive to local political and cultural concerns," base spokesperson Mitsuru Takahashi said.

The Cove director Louie Psihoyos said he will give away 100 DVDs of the movie to people at the base so they can see it.

"The military is facing a lot of pressure by our government to make nice of the Japanese," he told The Associated Press by telephone from Boulder, Col. "We are going to win this battle, with or without the U.S. military."

The film has not yet opened in Japan, except at a festival and small screenings, and is set to be shown at theatres in June. The faces of the fishermen and many other people in the film are blurred out to protect their privacy.

In recent weeks, dozens of nationalist protesters with loudspeakers have shown up at the distributor's downtown Tokyo office demanding the film not be shown. Some theatres may choose not to show the film simply to avoid trouble.

Psihoyos, executive director of the Oceanic Preservation Society, a non-profit for protecting the environment, said he was hopeful Japanese will be interested in what he said was a warning in his movie about the health risks of eating dolphin meat, which has mercury contamination levels higher than fish.

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Celebrity Buzz

Tiger and Elin: Separate lives?

NICKELBACK CONCERT?! THIS MAN IS CRYING OUT FOR HELP Tiger Woods and wife Elin Nordegren appear to be stepping up their lives apart, people.com reports.

Monday in Orlando, Fla., the golf champ attended a Nickelback concert — where, according to TMZ, he partied backstage surrounded by a security team. Earlier that night, he and friends dined together in a restaurant, reports RadarOnline, an event described as his first public outing since the sex scandal that broke last November.

Meanwhile, Elin and the couple's two children, Sam and Charlie, took off for Sweden, despite the volcanic ash spewing into the skies from Iceland which grounded the majority of Scandinavian and European flights.

"Elin and her children have arrived in a very north area, much north of Stockholm," a source in the Swedish capital tells People. "There is one guesthouse and another house down by the sea that has a sauna. She also has a sandy beach all her own and a dock for boats." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Wife 'controlled' King says ex

THAT 'DEPENDS' ON WHAT YOU MEAN BY CONTROL The divorce battle between CNN talk-show host Larry King and his seventh wife, Shawn Southwick, may be on hold, but things are still getting messy. A former Little League coach for their two sons says he had an affair with Southwick beginning three years ago.

"We had sex in Larry's bed — a lot," Hector Penate tells In Touch. "I had sex with Shawn while Larry was on TV. Our sex life was real good." Penate says Southwick showered him with gifts, and he claims she even convinced King to co-sign the lease for his apartment.

"She controlled him," Penate says. "He just sat there and signed it." METRO WORLD NEWS

Britney shoots for the stars

AND MISSES Britney Spears is seeking guidance from an astrologer, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose relationship with agent Jason Trawick is reportedly in trouble — has approached British TV stargazer Russell Grant and asked for a reading to find out what her future holds.

Grant, 59, confirmed: "I got an email from Britney Spears' office. Apparently she wants a reading. I need to check out its validity."

This is not the first time 28-year-old Spears — who has sons Sean Preston, four, and three-year-old Jayden James with ex-husband Kevin Federline ' has turned to Grant for advice. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Royal engagement to be announced at any moment

SAYS 'AUTHORITATIVE' REPORT NO. 23,547 Royal families watchers are more certain than ever that a wedding announcement is forthcoming from Prince William and Kate Middleton, according to People magazine. The pair was recently spotted sharing a cozy lunch at a French Alps ski resort with Middleton's parents, who clearly already consider William family, sources say. "William was clearly very close to Kate's father, and every time he spoke to him, William replied, 'Yes, Dad,'" a source says.

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Paris disses ex-boyfriend

TO BE READ IN HER CHARACTERISTICALLY ARROGANT, VACUOUS, VALLEY GIRL ACCENT FOR FULL EFFECT Paris Hilton has definitely moved on from Doug Reinhardt, usmagazine.com reports.

"I am like so past that — I don't even care," Hilton, 29, told usmagazine.com at Wednesday's Project A.L.S. fundraiser at Lucky Strike Lanes in Hollywood.

A week ago, Hilton's rep confirmed that the star had dumped 25-year-old Reinhardt "more than two weeks ago." Hilton and the Hills star began dating last year but took a break in June.

"I don't even remember that time in my life," Hilton quipped of their just-ended romance. "I am over it! I just realized that I'm better off without him," she explained. "So I ended it because I deserve something much better." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sources: Brangelina kin push for 'I dos'

SOURCES WHO ALSO HAPPEN TO BE FORMER CREATIVE WRITING MAJORS AT THIRD RATE SCHOOLS Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are finally ready to exchange vows, according to OK! Magazine. And it's all because of their kids.

Sources say their children have been teaming up against them in their campaign for a wedding. "First it was Maddox, who has begged his parents to tie the knot for years," a source says. "Lately, Shiloh and Zahara have been chiming in, and Pax thinks it would just be the coolest thing ever to be a ring bearer."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Locklear arrested for alleged hit and run

JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED FOR INNOCENT PARKING SIGNS EVERYWHERE! Heather Locklear was arrested in Los Angeles for allegedly committing a hit and run and then fleeing the scene, according to TMZ. Luckily, her vehicle hit a "no parking" sign and not a person. As the collision happened late at night and wasn't reported until the next day, sources say it's unlikely the Melrose Place star will be charged, as there is "nothing approaching proof beyond a reasonable doubt" that Locklear was driving the car.

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Montag drops lawsuit against Hills producer

ONCE SHE REALIZED NO ONE BELIEVED ANYONE WOULD TOUCH HER VOLUNTARILY Heidi Montag has decided to drop a planned sexual harassment lawsuit against The Hills creator Adam DeVillo, according to Page Six. Montag had accused him of groping her during a photo shoot earlier this year. "Heidi and Spencer (Pratt) have changed their minds and realized they should just move on," a source says.

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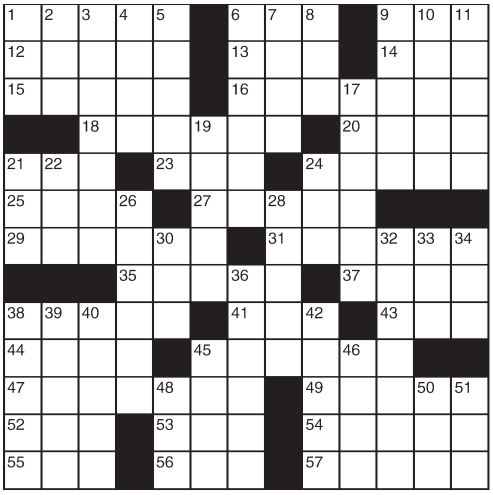

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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5				2		3		9
6				5				
	6	9			5		4	
				3				
	2		6			7	5	
				1				4
1		5		9				7
	8	3			4		2	

ACROSS

1 Bakery lure
6 — Beta Kappa
9 Resort
12 Cheek-related
13 Cartoonist Chast
14 Charged bit
15 Stew seasoning
16 Mount —
18 Spoil severely
20 Prior nights
21 Litter member
23 Foreman foe
24 Each
25 Don of radio
27 Saunter
29 Cellist Pablo
31 African herd
35 Small plateaus
37 Brownish songbird
38 Liquor holder
41 Comic DeLuise
43 Mainlander's souvenir
44 Additionally
45 Two-part tile
47 Mount —
49 On the clock
52 Remnant
53 Sandra or Ruby
54 Cheer up
55 Buck's mate
56 Eccentric
57 Aired again

DOWN

1 Qty.
2 "Go, team!"
3 Mount —
4 One of the Three Bears
5 Where the action is
6 Bout before the main event
7 Threw
8 Noun-to-verb suffix
9 Strainer
10 Riddle
11 Nervous
17 Disclose
19 Tumbler
21 Snapshot
22 Actress Thurman
24 Wapiti
26 Biblical strongman
28 Center of emotions
30 Albanian money
32 Mount —
33 Rage
34 Tackle moguls
36 Put on a pedestal
38 Got along
39 Grassy southwestern plain
40 Remark to the audience
42 Papal hat
45 Act
46 Cleo's river
48 Altar affirmative
50 Greek H
51 Hideaway

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	2	9	7	6	1	8	5	3
8	1	5	9	3	2	7	4	6
3	6	7	4	5	8	2	1	9
5	8	1	6	4	9	3	7	2
6	9	4	3	2	7	1	8	5
7	3	2	8	1	5	9	6	4
2	5	8	1	9	6	4	3	7
1	4	6	2	7	3	5	9	8
9	7	3	5	8	4	6	2	1

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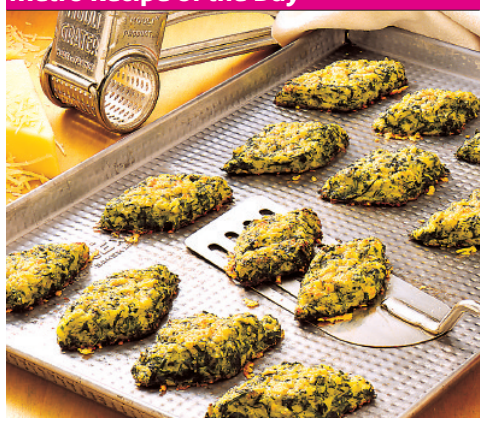
Metro Recipe of the Day



Baked Spinach Gnocchi

INGREDIENTS:

300-g package frozen chopped spinach
1/4 cup finely chopped yellow onion
2 cups 1% milk
1/2 cup semolina
1 tsp dried basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp butter
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

METHOD:

1. Cook spinach and onion according to directions on spinach package; drain well, pressing out excess liquid with paper towels.

2. Meanwhile, in medium-size mixing bowl, stir together 3/4 cup milk, semolina, basil and garlic. In medium-size pot, bring remaining 1 1/4 cups milk and butter to boil over moderately high heat. Slowly add semolina mixture to boiling milk, stirring constantly. Cook, uncovered, 3 to 5 minutes or until very thick.

3. Remove from heat. Stir about 1 cup of mixture into eggs; return mixture to pot. Stir in spinach mixture and 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese. Pour into lightly greased 8" x 8" x 2" baking dish. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours

4. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Turn chilled mixture out onto cutting board. Cut into diamond-shaped pieces. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A money-making scheme may look good but don't be tempted. There is only one way your financial position will improve and that is through hard work.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Life is not a zero sum game: other people don't have to lose so that you can win. Keep that thought in mind today. Why not co-operate instead?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't worry that partners and loved ones won't understand your need to spend some time by yourself. What matters is that you unwind mentally.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are advised not to make any major plans today or over the weekend. Trust that the powers that shape your life will guide you in the right direction.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
An authority figure will either stop you doing what you want to do or make you do what you don't want to do. It might be a pain but don't get annoyed.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is a fortunate time of year for you and although you might not quite believe that yet you will start to believe it over the next few days.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone you work alongside is watching you closely, hoping that you will slip up so they can point out your mistake and look good at your expense.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Why can't you take what others tell you at face value? Is it because your instincts warn they are being less than truthful?

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may have no intention of backing down in some kind of dispute, but neither does your opponent and the most likely outcome is a stalemate.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may want to get on in the world but today it might be wise to keep a low profile. The less that potential rivals know the better,

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
There is no such thing as a free lunch and anyone who tells you a different story is not to be trusted. There's more than just money at stake.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You will be reminded today of something you said a long time ago and chances are you won't feel too happy about it. Don't try to defend the indefensible.

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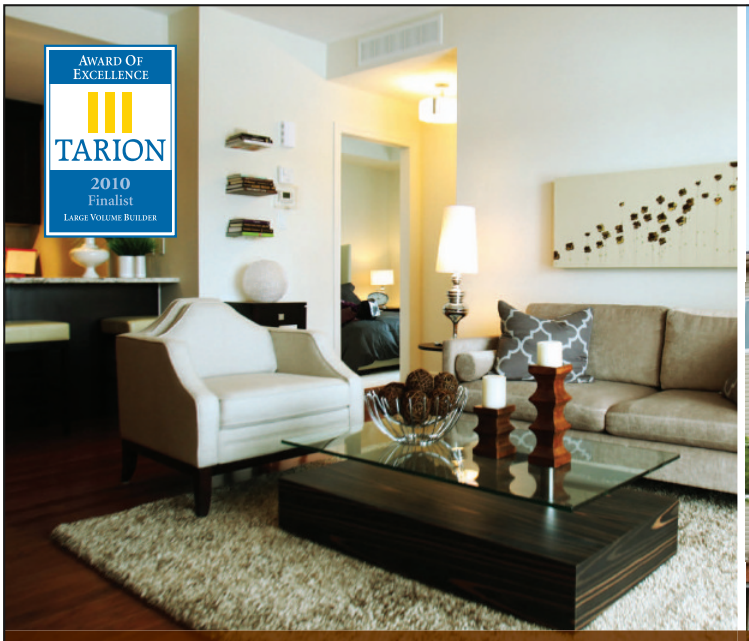

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